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CHARLES TOWN: Maryland-bred ASTANA (Citidancer) sprinted 4 1/2 furlongs to grab slots-enhanced allowance in West Virginia on July 21.



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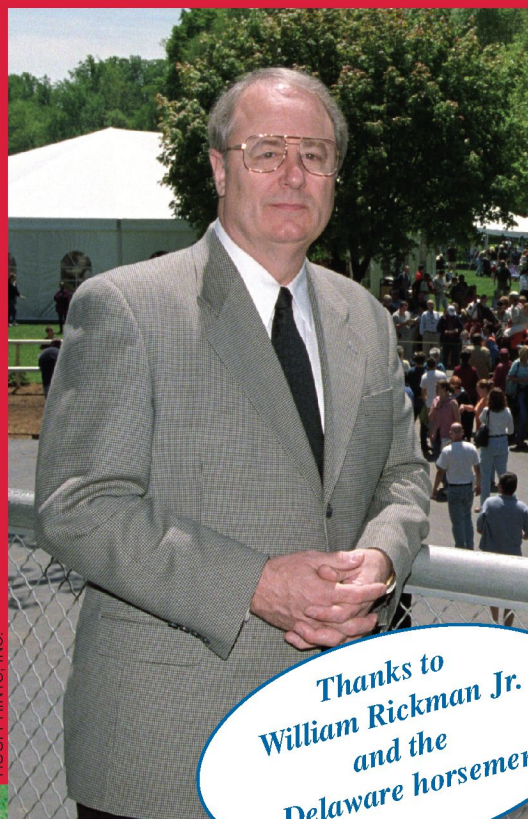
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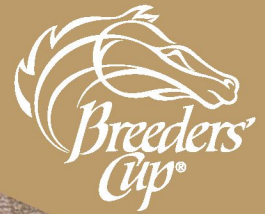
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December 30	Md. Juvenile Filly Championship	\$100,000-guaranteed	1 mi.

Three-Year-Olds

November 27	Northern Dancer S	\$100,000-guaranteed	1 1/8 mi.
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Fillies, Three-Years-Old

November 13	Politely S	\$75,000-guaranteed	7 fur.
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Three-Year-Olds and Up

November 6	Challedon H	\$75,000-guaranteed	7 fur.
December 18	Jennings H	\$100,000-guaranteed	1 1/8 mi.

Fillies and Mares, Three-Years-Old and Up

December 11	Geisha H	\$100,000-guaranteed	1 1/8 mi.
December 26	Squan Song S	\$50,000-guaranteed	7 fur.

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Delaware Park

777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington, Del. 19804. (302) 994-2521; (800) 417-5687 (outside Del.); fax (302) 998-1216. Racing Secretary: Sam Abbey. Racing dates: April 24 to Nov. 7; www.delpark.com.

Laurel Park

P.O. Box 130, Laurel, Md. 20725. (301) 725-0400, (410) 792-7775; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale. Racing dates: Nov. 4 to Dec. 31 (tentative). www.marylandracing.com.

Meadowlands

East Rutherford, N.J. 07073 (201) 935-8500; N.J. (800) 222-1043; Pa., N.Y. & Md.: (800) 782-2537. Racing Secretary: Michael Dempsey. Racing dates: Oct. 1 to Nov. 13; www.thebigm.com.

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Philadelphia Park

P.O. Box 1000, Bensalem, Pa. 19020-2096. (215) 639-9000; (800) 523-6886. Racing Secretary: Sal Sinatra. Racing dates: Jan. 2 to Dec. 31; www.philadelphiapark.com.

Pimlico

5200 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21215. (410) 542-9400; (800) 638-3811. Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale. Racing dates: Sept. 9 to Nov. 2 (tentative); www.marylandracing.com.

OTHER TRACKS

Aqueduct—Oct. 27 to Dec. 31

Bay Meadows—Sept. 3 to Nov. 7

Belmont Park—Sept. 10 to Oct. 24

Beulah Park—Sept. 18 to Dec. 20

Calder—April 26 to Jan. 2

Churchill Downs—Oct. 31 to Nov. 27

Delta Downs—Oct. 29 to Dec. 31

Fair Grounds—Nov. 25 to Dec. 31

Finger Lakes—April 16 to Nov. 23

Golden Gate Fields—Nov. 10 to Dec. 20

Hawthorne—Sept. 24 to Dec. 31

Hollywood Park—Nov. 3 to Dec. 20

Hoosier Park—Sept. 2 to Nov. 21

Keeneland—Oct. 8 to Oct. 30

Lone Star Park—Oct. 1 to Oct. 31

Louisiana Downs—May 14 to Oct. 31

Mountaineer Park—Jan. 3 to Dec. 31

Oak Tree at Santa Anita—Sept. 29 to Oct. 31

Remington Park—Aug. 6 to Dec. 5

Sam Houston—Nov. 17 to Dec. 23

Santa Anita Park—Dec. 24 to Dec. 31

Suffolk Downs—May 1 to Nov. 30

Tampa Bay Downs—Dec. 11 to Dec. 31

Thistledown—April 8 to Dec. 31

Turfway Park—Nov. 28 to Dec. 31

Woodbine—April 17 to Dec. 12

MID-ATLANTIC AUCTIONS

December Mixed, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium Sales Pavilion, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. Dec. 5-7.

OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

Fall Mixed Sale, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Oct. 11-14.

Fall Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. Oct. 25, 26.

Horses of Racing Age, Fasig-Tipton New York, Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, N.Y. (516) 328-1800. Nov. 2.

Selected Fall Mixed, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington Ky. (859) 255-1555. Nov. 7.

November Breeding Stock, Keeneland, Lexington, Ky. (800) 456-3412. Nov. 7-19.

Adena Springs Mixed Sale, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. Nov. 10.

Stallion Access Selected Seasons & Shares, Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. Nov. 12.

Texas Fall Mixed, Fasig-Tipton Texas, Lone Star Park, Grand Prairie, Tex. (859) 255-1555. Dec. 12.

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WVTBA Horse Show, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Ranson, W.Va. (304) 728-6868. Oct. 23.

REGIONAL RACE DAYS

Maryland Million, Pimlico, Baltimore, Md. (410) 252-2100; www.marylandmillion.com. Oct. 9.

West Virginia Breeders Classics, Charles Town, Charles Town, W.Va. (800) 795-7001; e-mail wvbcmbn@erols.com. Oct. 9.

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Genesee Valley, Geneseo, N.Y. Oct. 9.

Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. Oct. 9.

Philadelphia Park, Bensalem, Pa. Oct. 10.

International Gold Cup, The Plains, Va. Oct. 16.

Far Hills, Far Hills, N.J. Oct. 23.

Aiken Fall, Aiken, S.C. Oct. 30.

Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga. Nov. 6.

Montpelier, Montpelier Station, Va. Nov. 6.

Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, Unionville, Pa. Nov. 7.

Charleston Cup, Charleston, S.C. Nov. 14.

Colonial Cup, Camden, S.C. Nov. 21.

FALL POINT-TO-POINTS

Oak Ridge, Lovingson, Va. (540) 364-1962. Oct. 24.

SEMINARS AND COURSES

New Owners Seminar, Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore, Md. (410) 252-2100. Oct. 9.

Equine Forage Seminar and Summit, Cook College Campus Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. (732) 932-9271; <http://aesop.rutgers.edu/~ocpe/courses>. Oct. 22, 23.

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Maryland Horse Breeders Association Educational Seminar, White Marsh, Md. (410) 252-2100. Nov. 3.

EVENTS

Equine Affaire—The Great American Horse Exposition, Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, Mass. (740) 845-0085; [www.equineaffaire.com](http://equineaffaire.com). Nov. 11-14.

Horse World Expo, Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md. (301) 845-0085; www.horseworldexpo.com. Jan. 20-23.

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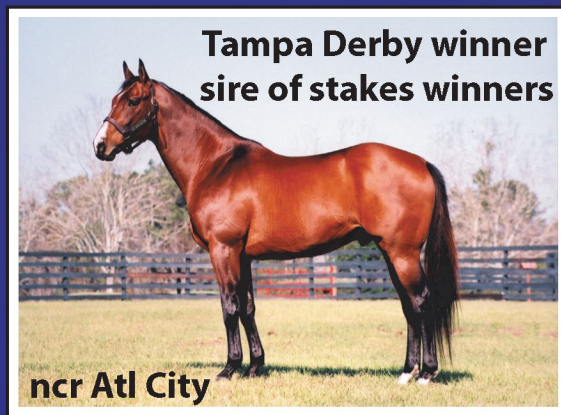
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Two categories of New Jersey-breds have been established—accredited and non-accredited.

Accredited New Jersey-bred foals must be foaled in New Jersey during a period in which the dam is considered a resident New Jersey mare (i.e. residing in the state continuously from September 1 of the year prior to the foaling through the date of foaling).

Non-accredited New Jersey-bred foals must be conceived in New Jersey by a New Jersey stallion, but not necessarily foaled in New Jersey. A New Jersey stallion is defined as a stallion standing in the state the

full breeding season, February 1 through July 1 of the subject year, and registered with the New Jersey Thoroughbred Breeders' Association.

A runner's status, as accredited or non-accredited, is a factor in determining the size of the breeder's award.

In addition, bonuses have been instituted for both accredited and non-accredited New Jersey-breds earning a portion of the purse at out-of-state race tracks 30 days before and 30 days after the Thoroughbred racing season in New Jersey.

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LAUREL PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FALLS BEHIND SCHEDULE

Laurel Park's track rebuilding has fallen far behind schedule, with the Maryland Jockey Club now having set a tentative date of November 4 for the opening of Laurel's fall live racing meet.

The delays created a major problem in regard to stabling and training for much of Maryland's horse population. That's because Timonium race track, which housed hundreds of horses uprooted when Laurel closed for training in June, became unavailable in late September due to the upcoming Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern

Fall Yearling sale. The sale was scheduled October 4 and 5 at Timonium.

Horsemen stabled at Timonium throughout the summer were offered the options of temporary stalls housed in tents at Pimlico, or training under shedrows at Laurel. The Maryland Jockey Club was also looking into the possibility of leasing some private training facilities in the area.

Laurel had been originally scheduled to open in time for the Maryland Million, which was run on October 9 (at Pimlico).

TWO FAIR HILL-BASED RUNNERS WIN GRADE 1 STAKES ON AUGUST 14



Back at home: Graham Motion-trained *Better Talk Now*, above, gallops under Fenella O'Flynn; *Kicken Kris* (right) greets visitors in trainer Michael Matz's paddock.

August 14 was a banner day for Fair Hill Training Center in Fair Hill, Md., with two of its residents capturing Grade 1 stakes within an hour span.

Kicken Kris, owned by Elizabeth Moran's Brushwood Stable of Malvern, Pa., and trained by Michael Matz, emerged the winner of the \$1 million Arlington Million after a roughly run race in which first-place finisher Powerscourt (GB) was disqualified.

Less than an hour earlier *Better Talk Now*, from the stable of Graham Motion, drove past the wire a length and a half to the good of his rivals in the \$500,000 Sword Dancer Invitational Handicap at Saratoga. *Better Talk Now* is owned by Bushwood Stables (Chris Dwyer, Karl Barth and Brent Johnson).

Kicken Kris, who won last year's Grade 1 Secretariat Stakes at Arlington Park, pushed his career earnings over the \$1



LYDIA A. WILLIAMS (2)

million mark in the Arlington Million. A 4-year-old colt by Kris S.—Kicken Grass, by Jade Hunter, he boasts earnings of \$1,319,100 from 18 career starts for Brushwood, which purchased him for \$400,000 at the 2001 Keeneland September Yearling sale.

Better Talk Now, a 5-year-old gelding by Talkin Man out of the Baldski mare Bendita, gained his first Grade 1 win in the Sword Dancer. He led up to the race with a second-place finish to Kicken Kris in the Grade 2 Bowling Green Handicap on July 17 at Belmont Park.

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He is the oldest horse ever to win a Grade 1 flat race at Saratoga.

Trained by Tom Voss, whose operation is based at Atlanta Hall Farm in Monkton, Md., John's Call made his career for the Trillium Stable of Douglas Joyce, who lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Joyce named the handsome chestnut gelding for John Stuart of Bluegrass Thorough-

bred Services, who advised Joyce on his purchase at the 1992 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling sale.

Bought for \$4,000, John's Call earned \$1,571,080, with 16 wins (six stakes) and 14 placings (six stakes) in 40 starts. The son of Lord At War (Arg) was a stakes performer on the turf and over hurdles, having placed second in Fair Hill's Miles Valentine Novice Steeplechase Stakes at 4.

John's Call became a fox-hunter after his racing days ended, but in July his life took another turn. The now 13-year-old was recruited as a stable pony with Voss's contingent at Colonial Downs and Saratoga (where there is a stakes named in his honor).

"He was a little racy the first couple of days, but now he's perfect; you can take him anywhere you want," Voss told the *Daily Racing Form*. "He has a great laid-back disposition."



LYDIA WILLIAMS

This is part of a series of articles on horses who had a significant impact on racing and/or breeding and now are pensioned within the Mid-Atlantic region.

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MID-ATLANTIC REPORT

HERB AND ELLEN MOELIS HONORED WITH INDUSTRY SERVICE AWARD

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) has honored Middletown, Del., residents Herb and Ellen Moelis with its Industry Service Award for their work in founding the Thoroughbred Charities of America.

The TCA, which the Moelises founded in conjunction with Allaire duPont, promotes the well-being of retired race horses and the people who work with them.

"Ellen and I are very pleased at how far TCA has

come since our first fundraising auction in 1990 when we raised \$15,000," said Herb Moelis. "This past year TCA gave grants in excess of \$1 million to 82 Thoroughbred organizations in 26 states. Our hope is that our alliance with TOBA will take us to the next level."

"Since its inception the Thoroughbred Charities of America has grown to become the premier fundraiser for retired race horses, and other worthy causes in our sport," said TOBA president Dan

Metzger. "Herb and Ellen's dedication and leadership in developing the program to national prominence is an outstanding achievement."

TCA's annual fundraiser is scheduled for December 4 at the Moelises' CandyLand Farm in Middletown, Del. The event, which features a simultaneous auction in Lexington, Ky., generates funds for the TCA primarily through donated stallion seasons, artwork and memorabilia. This year the TCA also held a charity golf tournament in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

JOCKEY CLUB ENCOURAGES USE OF INTERACTIVE REGISTRATION

The Jockey Club's Interactive Registration™ (IR) may be used to complete the entire registration process except for genetic typing. A help desk provides instructions for completing each form, as well as tips for taking photographs and pulling a DNA sample.

The most popular features of IR include live foal/no foal reports, name claims, reports of mares bred and payment of fees online by credit card. Over 60 percent of live foal reports and name claims are now submitted electronically.

Owners wishing to name a horse can check their selection against the Online Names Book to see if the name is among the more than 430,000 names already in use. Names submitted via IR in the morning normally will receive a response by the end of the day.

For those having trouble coming up with a name, a list of recently released names is also available.

"Name claims and other documents submitted through IR arrive in The Jockey Club database in real time and bypass several manual processing steps that can affect turnaround times," said Matt Iuliano, The Jockey Club's vice-president of registration services. "The end result is that IR users tend to receive their registration documents sooner."

Convenience is one of the most popular benefits of IR. Electronic submissions generally are processed a week faster than submissions by mail. Once forms are submitted, the progress can be monitored online. The progress check will show the user what has been completed, what needs to be completed, and the details of

how to go about finishing the process.

Horse identifiers at race tracks and sales companies have also benefited from the Thoroughbred identification available through IR. All the information needed to identify a horse before a race or sale is just a few keystrokes away.

Later this year, users will find IR even simpler to navigate when The Jockey Club redesigns the individual forms to reduce the keystrokes and scrolling necessary for completion. The help features will also be more prominent.

IR is available at no charge through www.registry.jockeyclub.com. A user ID and password are required and can be obtained through the site or by calling The Jockey Club's Registry at (800) 444-8521.

/from The Jockey Club

THE JOCKEY CLUB PROJECTS 2005 FOAL CROP AT 37,200

The Jockey Club is projecting a 2005 North American registered Thoroughbred foal crop of 37,200, equivalent to the forecast for the 2004 breeding season. RMB's are to be filed by August 1 of each breeding season.

The foal crop projection is computed by using Reports of Mares Bred (RMBs) so far received for the 2004 breeding season. RMB's are to be filed by August 1 of each breeding season.

"The current pace of RMB submissions closely resembles that from last year, so we expect both the 2005 and 2004 foal crops to be similar in size after all foal registration applications are eventually received," said Matt Iuliano, The Jockey Club's vice-president of registration services.

The 37,200 estimate for both 2005 and 2004 is slightly above the projected 2003 registered Thoroughbred foal crop of 37,000.

Foal registration is to be completed within 12 months of the birth of the foal. However, late registration is available for additional fees, making actual foal crop counts problematic before December 31 of the crop's 2-year-old year, the time by which the vast majority of the foal crop has been registered.

Additional foal crop information is available in The Jockey Club's Online Fact Book, at www.jockeyclub.com.

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IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL ANGELASTRO

Michael Angelastro, a free-lance exercise rider at Bowie Training Center whose race track career spanned 53 years, died August 26 at age 70.

A native of Jamaica, N.Y., Mr. Angelastro worked at tracks in New York and Florida, but was based primarily in Maryland. He campaigned a few runners of his own, and briefly trained horses with Edward Stephenson of Warrenton, Va., as his major client, but exercising horses was his primary livelihood for over a half-century. He continued to work until weeks before his death.

RAYMOND BURNETTE

Raymond H. Burnette, a longtime Virginia breeder/owner, died August 16. He was 86.

Proprietor of Cedarcrest Farm in Calverton, Va., Mr. Burnette started out in the horse business in 1951. Over the years he campaigned numerous horses in Maryland, mostly in the name of his wife of 61 years, Dorothy Burnette, who survives him. His trainers included Gary Capuano, Don Volpe and Annette Eubanks.

Mr. Burnette owned an automobile dealership, Burnette Volkswagen, in Alexandria, Va., from which he retired in 1998.

PAUL COSTER

Paul F. Coster, 91, an owner and trainer in Maryland since the 1950s, died July 31.

Mr. Coster, who retired as a trainer 15 years ago, maintained a small farm in Perry Hall, where he bred a number of his own runners, including Michael's Lad, a \$114,784-earner who finished second in the 1981 Woodlawn Stakes-G3,

and his half-sister Karen's Lad, who registered 34 wins or placings in 115 starts.

Mr. Coster made his main career in the construction business, as a partner in Williams Construction Co.

EDWARD KELLY

Edward I. Kelly, a Baltimore native who earned renown as the trainer for Marylander Harry Isaacs's Brookfield Farms, died September 2. He was 83.

Among the 32 stakes winners Mr. Kelly trained for Brookfield during a span of more than 40 years were champion sprinter Intentionally, I Enclose, In From Dixie, I Rejoice and Is Your Pleasure.

Mr. Kelly saw active duty in World War II, and became a trainer following his military discharge in 1944. He was the brother of Hall of Fame trainer Thomas J. Kelly and father of Edward Kelly Jr., an assistant



trainer to Alan Goldberg, and former trainer Michael Kelly.

SHIRLEY POLIKOFF

Shirley G. Polikoff, 83, a longtime Marylander who in recent years owned Trillora Horse Farm in Lexington, Ky., died August 17.

Mrs. Polikoff, widow of Marvin (Buck) Polikoff, was a lifelong racing fan and president of Free-Wheeling Stables, a syndicate of friends who owned and raced several Thoroughbreds.

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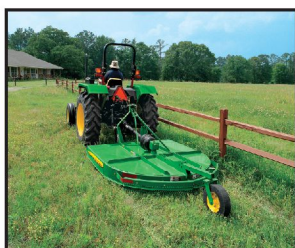
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STUART HARMAN

Laurel Park delays extract a toll on those who can least afford it

How much worse can the situation in Maryland get? No one really wants an answer to that question, but apparently we are about to find out, as Maryland racing limps into the fall season without any immediate hope for slots, and with one of its two major Thoroughbred tracks out of action for the foreseeable future.

It's anyone's guess when Laurel Park will reopen for live racing (although the tentative date is November 4). The track rebuilding project, launched in June over the vociferous objections of many, including the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, is nowhere near completion as of mid-September.

Racing will remain at Pimlico until Laurel is ready. Which means that the popular fall turf racing season at Laurel will be scratched from the calendar, and overall wagering figures are likely to dip.

Still worse, it means that a large chunk of Maryland's horse population may not have an acceptable place to live or train. That's because Timonium race track, which housed approximately 450 horses throughout the summer, is unavailable for several weeks this fall due to prior commitments, including the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale on October 4 and 5.

Most of the horses stabled at Timonium will have to relocate. Their options, at this point, are appalling.

Pimlico has set up three huge tents on a section of the parking area on the Hayward Avenue backstretch. Packed inside the tents are a total of 400 temporary stalls, with health and safety hazards to boggle the mind.

It's hard to believe that any owner or trainer will seriously consider placing a race horse in one of these stalls. But right now horsemen are being asked to choose between the temporary stalls at Pimlico, where there is a track available for training, or stabling at Laurel and training under a shedrow. (Will the betting public be informed as to which horses have used the shedrow method vs. conventional training?)

Hopefully, for many there is a third alternative—nearby farms with training tracks. But nearby is a relative term, and there aren't enough of them to accommodate everyone.

This situation could have been averted, had Magna Entertainment Corp., which owns Laurel and Pimlico, not been intent on pushing ahead with its \$16 million overhaul of Laurel's dirt and turf surfaces within an impossibly tight time frame.

Now Maryland owners and trainers, many of whom can least afford it, are being forced to bear the consequences. 

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PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

Mountaineer Gaming's ambitious plans could return racing—at long last—to western Pennsylvania.

Story by Andy Plattner
Photographs by Diana Plattner



An abandoned paper plant on 200 acres next to Lake Erie is one of two proposed sites for Presque Isle Downs.

The last time a race track opened in Erie, Pa., Secretariat was in the process of sweeping the Triple Crown. While Big Red earned a singular chapter in the annals of horse racing, Commodore Downs barely made it out of the starting gate.

It was launched with high hopes in May 1973, and attracted decent crowds, but its pari-mutuel handle could best be described as tepid. Patrons wagered an average of just \$40 per day, far below the level needed to sustain a competitive purse structure.

By the early 1980s, Commodore had closed, though it was eventually reopened as a harness facility, Lake Shore Meadows. The three-quarter mile oval shut down again in 1985, and was re-christened as Erie Downs a year later when it reverted to Thoroughbred racing. This meet struggled as well, and reached an infamous moment in 1987, when jockeys went on strike because the track could not afford to hire anyone to wash their silks.

Erie Downs was subsequently denied a racing license because the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission believed there were too few employees to conduct a smooth, professional meeting. And thus ended the city of Erie's last attempt to host live Thoroughbred racing.

Nearly 20 years later, Erie is ready to give it another try—and this time racing may gain a permanent foothold in northwestern Pennsylvania.

That's because Mountaineer Gaming Group Inc., a company that already lists one frog-to-prince miracle on its race-track roster, is the driving force behind the latest venue.

Now that slots have been legalized in Pennsylvania (with this facility eligible for one of the licenses), Mountaineer is moving ahead with plans to build an \$80 million race track and slots casino in Erie—to be known as Presque Isle Downs.

"Right now we're in between a selection process for two different sites," Mountaineer president Ted Arneault said in an early August interview. "We have a tract of land right on the main track between Cleveland and Buffalo. It's where I-90 meets Route 97, great access from either of those cities. There's also the highway coming up from Pittsburgh."

"The second site was suggested to us by the governor of Pennsylvania, Ed Rendell, [and is] called the International Paper site, a major paper plant that has been abandoned for the past eight years. It's going through a major tear-down. There are 200-plus acres, right on the lake. The ingress and egress are not as desirable. But its positioning inside the city limits makes it very attractive."

Arneault said his company hopes to begin construction this fall.

"Memorial Day 2006, we will be racing. We plan to have a 100-day racing calendar, all the way up to Labor Day. The weather in Erie is unbelievable in the summer. But it is also hard in the winter. During that time of the year, we might look at something like snowmobile racing. . . That is popular, too," he said.

The name Presque Isle ("presk ile") comes from a small, scenic peninsula that juts into Lake Erie, visible from the city and playing into the image of a resort destination. Presque Isle is French for "almost an island."

Arneault's horse racing background was nonexistent before he took over management of Mountaineer Park in 1995. But he is largely credited with making the little Chester, W.Va., oval into a gold mine for not only himself and his company, but for horsemen and local merchants.

Slots revenue allowed Mountaineer Gaming to construct a resort-style, 359-room hotel with a spa and fitness center, all just beyond the backstretch of

the racing oval. The track, hotel and casino have more than 1,700 full-time employees.

For the Presque Isle Downs project, Erie Mayor Rick Filippi's office suggests 1,600 to 1,800 direct jobs will be created. Gov. Rendell's office believes this figure to be lower, closer to 1,000.

West Virginia state Senator Ed Bowman told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*: "Mountaineer Race Track has truly been a savior of Hancock County. . . [Arneault] also made a lot of personal wealth for people locally. People who invested in that early stock made some substantial wealth over the fact of Ted Arneault and what he was able to do."

BOOKED SOLID

When Arneault took over Mountaineer in 1995, that track had an operating deficit of \$5.4 million. Arneault's solution had nothing to do with bringing in star horses or lowering parimutuel takeout, both common-sense approaches that have reaped benefits for the sport.

He lobbied for legislation that would bring slot machines to Mountaineer—in other words, prop up the racing with machines that had nothing to do with the game itself. In the mid-1990s, such a plan, be it successful or otherwise, dropped a worrisome question at the industry's doorstep.

Had things reached the point where horse racing could no longer stand on its own?

"We were this far from shutting down for good," said Rose Mary Williams, currently the director of racing at Mountaineer. "The slots saved us."

Once the joke of all racing east of the Mississippi River, Mountaineer, with its slots-rich purse structure, rather swiftly became a place horsemen stopped laughing about. Trainers began complaining because they couldn't get stalls there.

Ten years ago, the average purse at Mountaineer was



Mountaineer Park expects a flow of horses back and forth between its proposed sister track in Erie. Pennsylvania's two existing Thoroughbred tracks, Philadelphia Park and Penn National, draw from a different market area.

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*Mountaineer Gaming
president Ted Arneault*

about \$2,400. Last year, it was \$17,400.

"We currently exclude, on average, about 30 horses a day," Williams said. "Actually, when we started the application process for Presque Isle, I put a notice on our overnight to see how many horsemen would like stall applications. The response was overwhelming. I had enough stall applications at that time to fill the stalls at Presque Isle."

Williams said current Presque Isle plans call for the construction of 1,076 stalls, which

includes those in the detention and testing barns.

Mountaineer's 1,234 stalls are currently booked as tight as Vegas hotels on Super Bowl Sunday.

Arneault said: "We'd have 900 horses available if the [Presque Isle] races began tomorrow. I see Presque as being a natural feeder with Mountaineer, what we have already built there to be an extension of what we will have in Erie. The purse structure should be comparable to what we have at Mountaineer. I



Mountaineer Gaming is moving toward the purchase of this off-track betting facility, The Downs at Erie.

wouldn't mind owning a horse trailer business.

"The equine industry is already major league in Pennsylvania. Presque Isle will be part of the Pennsylvania-bred program. Pennsylvania breeders have to be excited. Frankly, I think this will be huge."

The first priority for any race track is filling races, so on this point, Presque Isle already sounds like a promising facility. Horseplayers, too, might find it attractive; ample-sized fields always produce better parimutuel value and therefore a larger handle. But what transpires at Presque Isle might still be viewed with tepid enthusiasm in some corners of the industry because horse racing will only be part of the show.

"I think that the city of Erie is just starting to understand all that it has to offer as a vacation paradise," Arneault said. "Lake Erie is beautiful and the infrastructure up there is already unbelievable. Within five miles of either site we are considering for Presque Isle Downs are 3,000 hotel rooms. There's a Marriott, a Marriott Courtyard. One of our friends just built an indoor water park up there. We thought he was crazy. He's adding to it, that's how good business is."

"Look at the World Series of Poker. That is really hot right now. We own Binion's [a WSP host hotel in Las Vegas], and we have seen first-hand how people like to be part of the action."

"I probably differ with a lot of people because I think horse racing is part of the entertainment industry. Magna and [Frank] Stronach have seen this, too, been ahead of the curve. But they have come around more slowly on the idea of slots. When Magna started buying tracks, their attitude towards slots was 'No way.' But now they seem more receptive."

THE LONG ROAD TO PRESQUE

If all had gone according to MTR Gaming's blueprint, there would already be racing at Presque Isle Downs. Mountaineer Gaming and its newly owned subsidiary, Presque Isle Downs Inc., first filed in 2001 for a license to conduct Thoroughbred racing, while Pennsylvania politicians were debating the issue of legalizing slots. Early plans called for the track to be built at the I-90/97 site, with the facility to include both dirt and turf courses.

Mountaineer Gaming was granted the license in August 2002. Back then, Arneault said he hoped to have the facility open in time for the 2004 season. By the summer of 2003, Mountaineer's president was also pitching an idea for a Pittsburgh-area track that could help provide funding for a proposed \$270 million hockey arena for the Pittsburgh Penguins. Any Pittsburgh-area race track would provide major competition for The Meadows, a Magna-owned harness facility a few miles outside of town.

Magna and MTR Gaming were already feuding about the Erie license granted to Presque Isle. Magna contended that it had been denied a hearing by the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission in the Erie licensing process—that Presque Isle Downs Inc., in effect, had been granted the license in walk-over fashion, without competition. While Magna and MTR Gaming worked to settle the suit out of court, a commonwealth court proceeded to nullify the license, forcing MTR Gaming to reapply.

By the end of July 2003, Pennsylvania's racing commission had at least nine other applications for the two remaining Thoroughbred live racing licenses. (Philadelphia Park and

Penn National had been granted two licenses apiece, one for each of their two annual meets.)

The battle for licenses, in one sense, seemed an entirely futile exercise. The slots bill was stuck in the mud at the state legislature, facing stiff, conservative opposition in both House and Senate.

Rendell, however, remained a staunch advocate of slots, insisting they would lower property taxes in the state by \$1 billion annually.

Flash forward to July 2004: The governor finally got his way. Rendell signed a bill on July 5 that would allow for 61,000 slot machines to be brought into Pennsylvania. Each of the four existing horse tracks would be granted a slots license, as would Presque Isle and Chester Downs, a proposed harness track in the Philadelphia area. By this time, MTR Gaming was no longer claiming interest in building a track in Pittsburgh, though another group, Pittsburgh Palisades Park Inc., had filed a lawsuit because it seemed inevitable the license for that area would go to The Meadows.

Pittsburgh Palisades failed in one attempt to have the Presque Isle license invalidated, but, at press time, the group was requesting the state Supreme Court to hear its case.

So Arneault and MTR Gaming were waiting again.

"I just don't want to start turning dirt over until we're absolutely clean here," he said. "But I haven't lost my enthusiasm for Erie or Presque Isle, not at all."

PRIORITIES

Mountaineer Gaming is planning to open a temporary slots parlor next spring in Erie, most likely at one of the two sites being discussed for the race track. However, like the opening of the race track by Memorial Day 2006, this timetable is a best case scenario.

Mountaineer Gaming has already staked one claim in

Erie, having signed a letter of intent to purchase The Downs at Erie, an off-track betting parlor on the east side of town.

"It does a great business," Arneault said. "On big days, like for the Haskell, it'll be packed." (Actually, on Haskell day this year, The Downs was not packed at all. Bettors, mostly middle-aged and beyond, did not fill all the tables. Parimutuel lines were short. At least one teller had brought along a novel.)

When Gov. Rendell signed the slots bill on July 5, 2004, Thoroughbred racing in Pennsylvania suddenly became the 2-year-old who'd debuted with a triple-digit Beyer figure—the object of great expectations.

Estimates for Philadelphia Park, a race track on the north side of a city that has a population of 1.5 million, suggest the purse structure there will eventually reach \$400,000 to \$500,000 a day. If so, stall applications will go as fast as free money.

Greenwood Racing, which owns Philadelphia Park, has

already suggested it would like to turn the area surrounding the track into a vacation resort, one that would feature hotels and concert facilities.

All of which, sounds, well, Mountaineer-esque.

In discussing his blueprint for success at Presque Isle, Arneault said, "We will serve four constituencies. First and foremost is the customer. You don't give them what they want, they won't come back. We want them playing our machines, staying at our hotel, eating our food. Next are the horsemen and our employees. Then are our local neighbors. Fourth are the owners of this company. You don't get to four without starting at one."

For the moment, this is the plan, the order of how decisions will be made if and when there is a Presque Isle Downs.

In a peculiar way, the supporting role for the sport seems to make sense, at least in a city where it has failed before. Horse racing probably would never return to Erie simply because of public demand.



Morning workout at Mountaineer Park.

When racing arrives, it will not be the major drawing card. Yet, it will almost certainly have a better chance of surviving than it did three decades ago. And instead of offering proof

that horse racing had fallen behind the times, the next race track here might provide an accurate reflection of things as they really are—as well as how they probably are going to be. ✨

MORE CHANCES TO WIN

Robert Stopko, who operates Stopko Farm just south of Washington, Pa., has been breeding and racing horses long enough to remember what racing was like at both Mountaineer Park and Erie Downs in the latter half of the 1980s.

"I won a maiden special race at Mountaineer and took home, I think, \$900," Stopko said. "I ran horses at Erie Downs, too. It was a very small track, but nice. It didn't figure to last very long, not the way it was going."

"I have a horse now, Olivia's Dollar, who has won a couple of races at Mountaineer this year. She's earned \$35,000. What is exciting to me as a

Pennsylvania breeder is that Presque Isle will have races restricted to state-breds. I stand three stallions up here, Northern Crook, Call to Account and Silver Leader. They'll all benefit from a track in our area. . . I think all of us breeders will have a better chance of winning now."

"The people who have been running Mountaineer since the slots came in know what they are doing," said George Herzberger, who owns Hearthill Farms in Cochran, an hour's drive south from Erie. "That's something that makes me feel good about a track up in Erie. They have done a phenomenal job with a small track

in West Virginia. Who knows what they can do with a brand new one in Pennsylvania?"

"My farm really thrives on the breeder bonuses from the Pennsylvania program," Herzberger said. "My daughter bred a nice horse named De Magic Moment. The breeder bonuses go towards her college fund. So, sure, on a personal level, we'd love to see that track in Erie thrive. I have been around long enough to remember Commodore Downs. I liked having it there, but it was a pipe dream."

"Keeping a track in Erie in good shape is going to be quite a job," said Janet Chisholm, owner of Hill Rise Farm in Allison Park, 20 miles north of Pittsburgh.

"With all the terrible weather they get up there, the track will be freezing and thawing all the time. They'll have to take good care of it even when they aren't racing."

"To me, racing at Mountaineer has become a yay-boo thing. It's great what has happened with the purses but it is a lot more difficult to get a horse in a race now. In the old days, you could run a horse every seven or eight days if you wanted. Now [all the exclusions] might have you waiting up to two months."

Chisholm stands a pair of stallions at Hill Rise, including the Summer Squall son Squall. Like Herzberger and Stopko, she relies on breeder's bonuses to make ends meet. "Sure, another track will help," she said. "I'm not sure how much, but I'll tell you that being where I am has sometimes felt like the wrong place, that all of us who have farms in western Pennsylvania are in the wrong place. We're sort of out in the middle of nowhere. . . Who knows, this new track may change that."

/Andy Plattner

STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Animal communicators are increasingly finding favor within the Thoroughbred world.

by Jacqueline Palsha

Two years ago Sarava won the Belmont Stakes-G1, overcoming 70-1 odds to derail War Emblem's bid for the Triple Crown in one of racing's all-time shockers.

Would it have been less of a surprise if everyone had tuned in to what happened before the race?

To consider that question is to delve into the burgeoning field of animal communication.

Sarava's pre-race consultation with animal communicator Dawn Hayman, filmed by an ABC camera crew, initially revealed what one might expect—that the colt knew something big was going on, that he thought he would soon be famous and he felt like a winner. Any horse on the track could have "said" the same thing, but Sarava also "told" Hayman about an old injury to his right front hoof, and it was after she relayed this information that jaws began to drop.

Turns out Sarava had once had a severe quarter crack exactly where Hayman indicated, but neither trainer Kenny McPeck nor co-owner Gary Drake, both of whom were in attendance, had ever released that information. The injury had since healed.

There was no way Hayman could have known about the injury, but disclosures like hers are actually quite common among animal communicators, who are increasingly finding

favor within the Thoroughbred world.

Bill Northern can vouch for that. An animal communicator from Warsaw, Va., Northern derives a full 90 percent of his business from horse owners, and most of the problems he pinpoints are physical in nature.

"If somebody just calls me and gives me a horse's name, usually within 30 seconds to a minute when I connect with that horse it'll tell me the main thing that bothers him," said Northern, whose readings can take place in person or over the phone. It's not necessary for him to be in the physical presence of an animal. He can work from a photograph or a brief description.

The best animal communicators request surprisingly little information up-front. A horse's name, age, breed and gender are normally all that's needed for a reading to take place. Most sessions last a half hour and cost anywhere from \$35 to \$200.

"It's like tuning in an old AM radio," Northern said. "Everything in this world is on a frequency, and you just have to find the right one."

Like most animal communicators, Northern will tell you he has learned to access those frequencies by tapping into what's described as a universal energy, a connection among all living things. Techniques can vary, but the process, in gen-



Bill Northern, an animal communicator based in Warsaw, Va., says most of the problems he pinpoints in horses are physical.

eral, is believed to be telepathic—involving the transmission and reception of information in a way ungoverned by the conventions of time, space or language.

Sound bizarre? Hill Parker thought so, too, until he began using Northern several years ago.

“I think it’s a lot less hocus-pocus than anyone makes it out to be,” said Parker, who owns a racing stable in Kentucky and who races regularly in Maryland and Virginia. “Bill’s just looking at a horse from a different perspective.”

For Parker, this vantage point has been particularly useful in identifying the source of, and eliminating, recurring problems.

“I wouldn’t want to lead the general public to believe that he’s going to be 100 percent accurate 100 percent of the time. It’s less of a science than that, but the fact is when you’re banging your head against a wall, and you and your vet can’t figure something out, if 75 percent of the time Bill can come in and give you some really good idea that works really good for your horse, it’s worth it,” Parker said.

Thoroughbred owners Michael and Ellen Robertson would agree. Based in northern Virginia, they recently contacted Northern about a filly who’s been falling short of her potential.

“She wants to be a show horse according to what she told Bill,” Ellen said. “She says she can jump, and that she has proven that to us.”

Indeed she has, leaping over a fallen horse in one race without breaking stride, but this was just one of the pieces of information that hit home with the Robertsons. Northern also told them that their horse has trouble coming out of the gate, then burns too much energy catching up, fading at the finish—all of which is true.



Dawn Hayman's pre-race interview with 2002 Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Sarava brought out information that hardly anyone knew—about an old quarter crack in the horse's right front hoof.

Only, Northern has never seen this horse race, and has never met the Robertsons in person. Their entire session took place over the phone in a conversation during which Northern described the exact location of the filly's favorite pasture on their farm. What really amazed the Robertsons was when Northern correctly identified a problem in the filly's left front hoof that wasn't visible until it was shod.

“She had a dead quarter crack in there,” Michael Robertson said. “It was there, and we just didn’t see it.”

So impressed were the Robertsons with the discovery,

that they now plan to consult Northern on a more regular basis. They, like others in the Thoroughbred racing world, are uncovering additional applications for animal communication, and the profession is responding, growing by leaps and bounds in recent years.

Perhaps fueled by the success of Animal Planet cable TV channel's pet psychic Sonya Fitzpatrick, professional animal communicators are popping up everywhere, often with varying degrees of skill and integrity.

Which is why longtime practitioners like Kate Reilly of Aiken, S.C., recommend caution. “There are people out

there who are off the wall and that's a problem,” Reilly said. And she should know. An animal communicator since the late 1980s, she has helped define the profession and is widely regarded as one of the best in the field.

Today, Reilly provides communication services to five different Olympic teams around the world and works regularly with veterinarians, not to mention some of the nation's top zoos. But the vast majority of her business comes from horses, and her credentials are strong in this respect.

For 25 years, she ran a stable in New Hampshire, train-



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"Many, many times it's more than one person that really, truly fixes a horse," says massage therapist Speedy Graham of Butler, Pa.

ing Thoroughbreds both for the track and for subsequent careers. As an animal communicator, Reilly now helps others do the same.

Owners have used her to select jockeys, breeders to select stallions and trainers to claim horses who are willing and ready for the rigors of the track. She has performed countless pre-purchase examinations and reviewed races from the horse's point of view, identifying difficulties not evident on film. Most often she is consulted about perplexing physical problems.

"I find that physical problems are responsible for 99.9 percent of all training issues," Reilly said. "It could be that a horse's teeth are bothering him. It could be his jaw. It could be an alignment issue, but most often it's a lameness or something that isn't visible."

Pinpointing such ailments is Reilly's specialty. From her Aiken, S.C., office, she "asks" a horse about what's bothering him, checks his body and interprets the sensations she receives, all without a costly or invasive exam—at least initially.

Her findings are frequently verified by veterinarians employing conventional methods. Reilly views her role as a complement to theirs and to the chiropractors, acupuncturists,

farriers and other professionals involved in a horse's care.

"What I suggest to people is that we all need to work together, because we can all do different things in different ways," she said, and she is not alone in this assertion. Practitioners from other fields are also including animal communication as part of a more integrated approach.

Massage therapist Speedy Graham of Speed's Equine Sports Service in Butler, Pa., is one of them. "I've found that many, many times it's more than one person that really, truly fixes a horse," said Graham, who has personally hosted several animal communication clinics.

Most would agree that communication goes only so far.

The concern within medical circles is that people might use communicators in place of or before consulting a veterinarian. While the American Veterinary Medical Association has no official position on the subject, it recommends that animal owners see a credentialed behaviorist or veterinarian when dealing with medical or behavioral issues. That is also the recommendation of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and the American Holistic Veterinary Association. ★

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Pat Myer had a special bond with many, including his son Patrick.

A tip of the cap to the late Pat Myer

July 25, 2004—I feel a tinge of guilt. I wish I had spoken. Others did speak, and their words were heartfelt, but still I wish I had said something.

We stood in a grove of trees by the 11th fence of the Maryland Hunt Cup. It was the last Sunday in July, not the last Saturday in April, and it was a cool afternoon. The breeze rustled the leaves overhead. The long grass on the Hunt Cup course rippled this way and that, like the shifting waves on a lake. For some reason, this was where Pat Myer wanted his ashes spread. Still, we didn't know exactly where to

spread them. Pat's 14-year-old son Patrick made the decision. They would be spread at the base of the fence.

(The word was out on this memorial service. Larry Bates had said that the only way Pat could get onto the course was having his ashes spread there. Billy Turner had told a few people that Pat must've wanted them spread at the 11th to honor the historic fall Turner took at the fence that ended his quest for the Hunt Cup Holy Grail. Tom Voss was concerned about which side of the fence the ashes would be spread on—would Pat really want them on the take-off side,

or wouldn't it be better to have them safely over the fence, on the landing side?)

Steve Dance said a few words about Pat's kind nature, related a humorous adventure or two, and concluded with the Serenity Prayer.

Audrey Riker read a prayer.

Another longtime Maryland Myer-admirer spoke of Pat's fierce determination—of Pat fighting to regain his health 20 years ago after being hospitalized, of Pat prevailing over a stretch of life-threatening illnesses, of his running and exercising and eating healthy foods, and one day, to her disbelief, driving her up to the

racetrack at Fair Hill, and upon arriving, not walking to the stands, but to the jockeys' room. He ambled out in silks and britches, hopped on a horse and won the Old Timer's race.

Zohar Ben-Dov, owner of Kinross Farm in Upperville, Va., where Pat once lived and trained jumpers, spoke of Pat's love of horses, his gifts as a horseman and his devotion to the Golden Rule.

Henry Rathbun spoke movingly of Pat's caring, giving, "human side," his perseverance and of his training years in New York in the 1980s and 1990s.

Laurie Myer, fit and youthful looking—Pat's wife and mother of their son Patrick—graciously thanked us all, and invited us to a restaurant for lunch.

Jay Williamson was there. Didn't say much, but he did later. He spoke about Joe McCaffrey picking him up at Towson High after school, Pat at Towson Catholic, driving them back to the farm and putting them to work with the race horses all afternoon. He spoke about hanging out with Pat at "headquarters" in the late 1950s: Windy Valley (where Green Spring Station is now), the one-time frumpy, smokey, cheeseburger, fries and coffee hang-out of hotwalkers, galloping boys, groomers and teenage soon-to-be champion steeplechase jockeys. He spoke of Mildred Day—who taught riding at Maryvale School. "She's the one. She's the one who really did so much for us. We'd get a ride to Windy Valley, and hang out there with John Robert Deacon Ditzel—who galloped some and trained some. Then we'd catch a ride to Maryvale. Miss Day taught us everything and we rode everywhere. We'd ride all day. Didn't get paid and didn't expect to. Just did it for the hell of it. We'd ride over to Sagamore, all around the farm, and back, then get on another."

Later that day, Bob Witham told a story he wished he'd recounted to our gathering: "Pat never lost his temper, you know, never lost his temper—but that doesn't mean he was a pushover. You remember back when he was working for Jim Maloney? It was shipping time and all the bloody van drivers were on strike. The Maloneys had a van at the ramp. They were ready to load up and go. Then, this [expletive deleted] eight-horse van suddenly roars up, pulls directly in front of the Maloneys' van, completely blocking it. The van driver jumps out, starts walking away. Someone yells at him, 'Hey, what're you doing?' He yells back, 'I lost my keys.' Well, Pat was there loading up, and he walked over to his car, opened the trunk, grabbed a tire iron. Then he started walking fast, catching up with this big [expletive deleted] van driver. A concerned Jim Maloney called out, 'Pat, hey Pat—Where're you going?' Pat answered, 'I'm going to help that van driver find his keys.'"

And the harmonica. Perfect for Pat. Simple. After the service, so many spoke of Pat and his harmonica. He could carry it in his hip pocket, pull it out at any time. One time, he pulled it out at midnight in the old loft where the riders used to bunk, on the top floor of the Rolling Rock Hunt Club. Tom Voss and I were ready to get some sleep, in preparation for losing a few more pounds and riding a couple of races the next day. We listened with admiration as Pat improvised for 45 minutes or so, and then thought it might be time to turn off the lights. But Pat had a small audience down at the other end—including his buddy Peter Plain—and he played and they listened and sang until the wee hours. The next morning, Tom and I looked a bit haggard while galloping in our sweating outfits. Pat? We saw him trot by in a set. He was chatting and grinning and waving to us, looking

*Gentle giving spirit we
see you now, riding long,
bowed over, your horse
galloping long-stridingly
across the ridge. . .*

as if he'd had a full night's sleep in a four-poster double bed at the Plaza Hotel.

I had not gotten up early enough the morning of Pat's memorial service to write up something, as I had intended, because—Pat would laugh at this—I was sore and aching from a bicycle crash I'd had the day before, which had torn up all the healing that had taken place since I'd had a horse fall and roll on me in April. I wanted to stand in the middle of the circle of relaxed, friendly people from New Jersey, from Pennsylvania, from Maryland, from Virginia and I wanted to say:

Gentle spirit, sail on. Gentle hard-riding spirit, sail on—up over this 11th fence like Tommy on Jay Trump.

Gentle spirit that loved the process of race-riding, the process of training, kind spirit that wasn't worried about the camera and the glory but who just loved to have one of those very long legs on either side of a Thoroughbred, and to be circling at the start. . .

Long-legged spirit, let'em roll down the hill and stand off at the 13th like Janon on Mountain Dew, cruise along, then, after the 15th, turn sharp and as my Uncle Mikey used to do on Pine Pep, ride 'em into the inside panel of the 16th as

if you're on an open jumper at Madison Square Garden.

Gentle giving spirit we see you now, riding long, bowed over, your horse galloping long-stridingly across the ridge, along the woods, and then, we see you give him a kick and a swat after the 18th, run the bit through his mouth, let him roll full-tilt into the 19th, pass a few of the others, let him pick up speed heading down into the 20th, cross the road, hold him together over the water jump, then, we see you pull out of the pack, head into the 22nd in front, stand off, air it and coast downhill to the wire—can't you get that six-foot body any lower in the saddle!—10 lengths in front, the winner.

This is you Pat, a winner. A record-setter. A winner in the race of life.

We aren't here today because of a death, I wish I'd said. We are here to celebrate the life of a man who gave so much of himself to helping others.

You can't tell it from the record books, from the photos on the walls. You can tell it by meeting the hundreds and hundreds of real live men and women whose lives Pat changed. Little did he know when he waved goodbye to John Barleycorn and befriended Bill Wilson that when he accepted the invitation of

becoming the room's officer, the supervisor of dormitories, running the bunkhouses for NYRA, that he'd become a one-man unpaid psychiatrist, therapist, alcohol and drug rehabilitation clinician for men and women looking for a bunk, looking for a life. So many of them turned up at his service at Belmont Park, he had to have two memorial services, one for his friends and colleagues from the riding and training days, another for all those who never would have gotten a bunk if it hadn't been for Pat Myer.

I have a direct connection to Pat Myer, I wish I'd said, and looked directly into young Patrick's eyes, and into the eyes of Janon and Sissy and Bob and Donnie and Dana and Carol and Henry and Jay and Larry and so many others. Last summer, in 2003, on the morning of my father's memorial race (the A.P. Smithwick) at Saratoga, I pulled a horse up after a good gallop around Oklahoma. I was in a set of four. Trainer Tom Voss was on a pony (Mickey Free, one-time winner of the A.P. Smithwick), and he led as we hacked through the backstretch, letting our horses settle down. Tom took our set directly past a little house, even too small for a Saratoga bunkhouse. One of the horses was Anofferucantrefuse, who would be running in the A.P. Smithwick Memorial Steeplechase that afternoon. There was a long-legged man, in long-legged blue jeans and a polo shirt, leaning back in a simple wooden chair, out on the "porch" to this building. He had a plaid Irish wool cap pulled down low over his eyes, a clipboard in his lap and was writing.

As our horses clip-clopped by on that tarred road surface, the man stood up. I noticed a red bandana in his back pocket.

"Pat?" I asked. "Pat Myer?"

Our horses were walking fast, jiggling and dancing, and Pat started walking alongside

He loved the day-to-day process of being a jumping rider the most. The discipline. Getting fit. Sharpening your nerves.

me. We went for 20 minutes like that—Pat launching into the whole story of how my father was, and always would be, his idol. He checked to see if I had a bandana in my back pocket—of course I did, and we laughed. We spent a few minutes wondering aloud how people survive without this combination utility item of sartorial splendor, first-aid use, and unsanitary stand-in for napkins, sweat bands, rub rags, fly swatters, check-the-oil cloths, face masks to keep out dust and gauze pads. Pat bemoaned the state of historical knowledge on the track—especially that people no longer realized that Paddy Smithwick (my father) first started this absolute necessity in hunt and jump set attire in the 1950s, and that it had been handed down by kids and imitators from one generation of jumping riders and steeplechase hanger-oners to another.

He spoke knowledgeably about my father—races won, weight lost, good deeds accomplished, ability to make a horse stand off and jump fence after fence perfectly, thereby gaining valuable ground at every hurdle, brush or timber fence. He explained why my father had become his idol at such an early age.

He grinned, told me how he'd read I was riding in the Grand National at Butler at the age of 50. He'd immediately told his son they had to be there to support me. They drove over 100 miles to see the race, and along the way Pat told his son about racing in a "hot car" with my father down the New Jersey Turnpike to Monmouth Park one July day, windows rolled up tight, heater blasting, Pop dressed in layers of insulated underwear, rubber suits and turtlenecks, the sweat pouring off the two of them. (He left out that they sipped from a thermos of cool screwdrivers.)

What a magical morning it was. To have that conversation on the day of my father's race. And what an incredible day it became when the horse and rider and trainer just ahead of us—Tom and Cyril Murphy and Anofferucantrefuse—won the A.P. Smithwick, going wire-to-wire. Pop always said that if you could do it, that was the best way to win a race: "Go to the front and improve your position," and that's what Cyril and Anoffer did that day.

Pat Myer supported so many. He gave. He loved the horse world, but not for its glory, not just for its victories, not for its ability to get you on the front

page or interviewed on national TV by Charlise Cantey or in the winner's circle after winning the Hudson Handicap at Belmont Park with Pooska Hill (one of Pat's best horses), but for the process. He loved the day-to-day process of being a jumping rider the most. The discipline. Getting fit. Losing the weight. Getting your timing down for going into a fence. Sharpening your nerves. Having your tack glistening and perfectly prepared. Having those boots polished! The camaraderie of sitting elbow-to-elbow with fellow jumping riders at Espositos after riding at Belmont Park, at the Brass Rail after riding at Delaware Park, at Scotty's Paddock after riding at Saratoga.

I didn't tell Pat that when I was 11 or 12 and riding the stable pony, Rex, a big burly piebald, and my hot-shot show pony, jet-black Twinkle, all around a training farm outside of Monmouth Park one summer in the early 1960s, he had been my idol.

Tall, slender, clean jeans, snug-fitting polo shirt, cap pulled down low over his eyes, he was cool. Not just cool, but, unlike quite a few of the other young apprentice jumping riders, he was not cocky, he was not self-centered. He actually walked up to me, patted Twinkle, asked how she'd galloped that morning, asked how she'd schooled, inquired into what sort of shows we'd been in, and complimented me on my riding style, which means he said, "You have your father's seat and hands." This meant so much to a little kid whose father always seemed to be swarmed with a pack of admirers or people asking him questions, and who was often in a rush—get on this horse, off that horse, hop in a hot car, drive 100 mph to the track, school three horses while wearing a rubber suit and layers of long underwear, rush to the jocks' room, be stopped by gamblers who were suddenly

old and great friends. . . all the way to the door of the jocks' room, lose three more pounds in the hot box, ride the race, be interviewed by reporters after the race, get home, talk to owners on the phone.

Pat always had time for you, I wish I'd said looking out at so many of his old friends. In his early 20s, he always had time to help a youngster.

When he was in his late 20s and 30s and working for Janon Fisher Jr., Uncle Mikey (Smithwick), Pete Bostwick and Hollie Hughes, he always had time to buoy up his friends. When he was based in Aiken, S.C., riding and training for Arrowhead Stable, and when he was working for Kinross Farm, he thought more about others than about himself.

Later, when he was training in New York and started spending more time at Espositos Tavern, he still had time for all his friends. And then, when he graduated from Espositos, he created the time, found the time, stole the time from God to help so many who had drinking and drug problems.

That's my last image of Pat, walking steadily and briskly beside my horse, winding through the backstretch of Oklahoma. Besides his eyes getting a little droopier, he looked the same to me at 60 as he had at 20. He did tell me he'd had some health problems and had finally sold his tack. He laughed about me riding a timber race at the age of 50—after a 30-year hiatus—and he said, "There's nothing like it, Patrick. There's just nothing like riding a jumping race. What do you think? Aren't I right?"

He was right. There's nothing like riding a jumping race, except riding a jumping race and winning it, and that's what Pat Myer did, he won the jumping race of life, taking every hurdle with style, and it wouldn't hurt for most of us to think back hard, study his style and form, and to emulate it. ✱



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Stars old and new shine brightly at Saratoga

Like politicians, flat racing's stars always seem to have an exit strategy. Retirement and stallion careers seem just as important—economically, anyway—as racing.

That's not true in steeplechasing as the stars seem to keep hanging around. Augustin Stable's Praise the Prince (NZ) has been coming to Saratoga since 2000, when he won two allowance races. He was back this summer, dominating discussion around the two steeplechase stakes and winning

the A.P. Smithwick Memorial-NSA2.

Rival and training partner Tres Touche first made the trip north in 2001, when he won a novice handicap as a 4-year-old. Tres Touche returned again in 2004, and put an exclamation mark on the meet with a victory in the New York Turf Writers Cup-NSA1.

Steeplechasing went to Saratoga for a nine-race program worth just short of \$500,000. Rich allowance races, solid opportunities for claim-

ers, and the two stakes made for a varied racing lineup that showcased rising stars—and the venerable old ones. In the end, 75 horses started for an average field size of 8.3.

Tres Touche, bred in Maryland by John Manfuso, took the September 2 Turf Writers in a brave effort. The 7-year-old jumped to an immediate lead, dictated the pace throughout, and made it stand up. Ridden by David Bentley for Barracuda Stable and trainer Ricky Hendriks, Tres Touche received just one real challenge when Cherokeeinthehills rallied around the final turn. The upstart (two career jump wins in 12 starts) drew nearly even at the last fence, but veteran Tres Touche (nine-for-30 going into the race) summoned one more daring leap and won by a length. Another Maryland-bred, Cherokeeinthehills stayed on for second with Barzulu (NZ), making only his second start outside his native country, finishing third in the \$100,000-added race.

"I really only saw one horse, Cherokeeinthehills, just come to his quarter over the last and my horse just kept finding more," said Bentley. "The last fence was do or die. I needed a good one—a long one—and he gave it to me. All credit to him."

Tres Touche deserves more than credit. Purchased for \$4,000 as a yearling at the 1998 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Winter Mixed sale, the son of Poles Apart captured his second Grade 1 of the year and continued a career that has included at least one jump win for five consecutive seasons. He's bank-rolled \$556,566—\$533,031 over jumps—and seems to be improving.

"His biggest forte is his jumping—he gets lengths at his hurdles," said Bentley. "You probably don't realize it watching, but if you're getting a length at each fence it adds up and can be very important late in a race, especially when horses are trying to catch you. He always gives 101 percent. He's so tough and honest."

The win gave Hendriks a unique double. He won the Turf Writers as a jockey in 1982 aboard Hall of Famer Zaccio. Unlike that three-time champion, Tres Touche has never won an Eclipse Award, but he has been ultra-consistent in a jumping career that began as a 3-year-old in 2000. Around the barn, he's known for being dirty, mean and nasty—in addition to talented.

"He bites, terribly," said Hendriks. "Since I first had him he's gotten a lot bigger and stronger than he was, but he's still as mean as ever."

The pre-race Turf Writers talk centered around the incomparable Praise the Prince. A perfect 20-for-20 in the first three for his jump career, the 9-year-old shouldered top weight of 158 pounds while trying to win the two and three-eighth-mile stakes for the second straight time. It wasn't meant to be, however, as he shuddered at 3-5 and finished fifth.



Tres Touche (David Bentley) earned his second Grade 1 victory of the season in the New York Turf Writers Cup.

"He didn't bleed, he seems sound, I'm a little lost for a reason because it's just not him," said trainer Sanna Hendriks afterward. "The only thing I can think is maybe the A.P. Smithwick took more out of him than I thought. He's never bounced before and I never expect him to do that. He's never thrown in a clunker. It scares me when a horse like him runs like that—that wasn't him out there."

Three weeks earlier (on August 12), the real Praise the Prince captured the \$79,600 A.P. Smithwick Memorial with one of his signature performances. Ridden by Rob Massey for the first time, the horse raced closer to a slow pace than usual, fought off several battles for position on the backstretch, and jumped the last behind longshot Barzulu. Sent off at 4-5, Praise the Prince dug for more energy on landing, passed Barzulu and then had enough to keep late-running 60-1 surprise Najm a half-length down at the wire.

"I hadn't really given up on him because I could see Rob hadn't really gone for him. And he was third at the last fence in the Turf Writers here last year," said Hendriks. "Still, he looked like he was beaten—another horse would have been beaten."

Praise the Prince won for the first time without jockey Gus Brown, who is sidelined with a broken leg. Massey was happy to play substitute while picking up his second win of the meet.

"He's an amazing horse," said the jockey. "He's the ultimate professional, just as tough as they come. He never wants to give up and he makes you ride that way. It was a pleasure to be on board. I felt a little bit of pressure. I'm glad I could do the horse justice and not get in his way."

The stakes wins were a sweep by the Hendriks family as Sanna and husband Ricky had the two best steeplechas-

ers on the grounds at Saratoga. Both horses work hard, and have made their success stand up over time.

"Every time you bring him out here you can say it might be hard, it might be soft, it might be hot, whatever. He doesn't care—you never have to make an excuse for him," Sanna Hendriks said of Praise the Prince after the Smithwick. "If he gets beat, he gets beat, and that's one of the best things about him. He takes his game with him."

Tres Touche, fourth in the Smithwick, isn't much different. "He's been close but unlucky a few times up here," said Ricky Hendriks. "This time, he got the firm ground he wanted, he got in with a good weight (152, six fewer than Praise the Prince) and got the trip he needed. It's an honor to be back in the Turf Writers winner's circle and terrific to be here and have NYRA have our races. It's a big deal for us to be in Saratoga."

The Saratoga stakes will surely reflect on the fall cham-

pionship season as Tres Touche heads to the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase as the only horse with two unrestricted Grade 1 victories, though spring stars Hirapour and Sur La Tete—plus 2003 Eclipse Award winner McDynamo—await.

An August 5 allowance hurdle showcased a potential 2005 championship contender in Martin Cherry's Serazzo. The second-year jumper with bloodlines galore (he's a brother to Grade 1 flat winners You and I and Chaposa Springs) dominated a \$50,000 two-other-than for trainer Tom Voss and jockey Cyril Murphy.

Second behind Sur La Tete and Racey Dreamer in two Grade 1 novice hurdle stakes this spring, Serazzo thrived on the competition drop. The winner sat comfortably near the pace and accelerated away from Raise a Storm (Ire) in the stretch to win by seven lengths.

"Class, that's it with him," said Murphy. "He does everything right. That to me was his

best round of jumping since he started. We wanted to be close to the pace, but it wasn't quite quick enough for him to sit in behind. He met the first in the backside in stride and took two lengths from the others. We had a ton of horse left at the end."

Three-for-six since converting to jumps last September, Serazzo looks like an ideal fit in \$100,000 fall novice races with even bigger thoughts ahead for next year.

"The novice [at Saratoga] would have been the race to run him in, but it didn't fill," said Murphy. "Why risk putting him in a race [the Turf Writers] where he might catch a tough group? He's just a really nice horse. He enjoys life. His whole demeanor is different from other horses."

Usually a power at Saratoga, the Voss barn picked up a win late in the meet when Motel Affair captured a \$48,000 first-level allowance on September 1. Owned by Blackwoods Stable, the 4-year-old changed tactics



A.P. Smithwick Memorial-NSA2: Praise the Prince (NZ), right, with Rob Massey up, prepares to pass Barzulu (NZ) at the last hurdle.

and broke last in the field of six. Sent off at nearly 5-1 (with entrymate The Editor's Son), Motel Affair still had nobody behind him at the two-mile mark. Up front, favorite Mixed Up battled with Indispensable and the duo sped into the final turn with a clear lead.

By the last fence, the closers were pouncing, however. The Editor's Son moved from fifth on the rail, Irish Prince (NZ) tried to sustain a mild bid, and Motel Affair chewed up turf on the outside. Clearing the last with a flat, fast leap, the winner shot from fourth to the front and won by three-quarters of a length over his entrymate. Veteran Indispensable was another length back in third while Mixed Up, who won the Capital City Handicap on the flat at Penn National in his previous effort, wound up last in just his second career jump start.

A son of Colonial Affair, Motel Affair won his jump debut via disqualification at Atlanta in April and chased future stakes horse Racey Dreamer home in an allowance at Great Meadow. Shelved for Saratoga, Motel Affair was pulled up after prompting the pace in two allowance starts early in the meet. The off-the-pace style and the two and three-eighths miles (as opposed to two and one-sixteenth) fit Motel Affair like a custom suit.

"Typically, up here you need to be close to the pace if you're going to have a realistic chance to be involved in the end," said Murphy. "We put him on the lead the first day, the second day we didn't want to but there was no pace and he found himself there. This time, we tried something different. He was great; he settled very well back there."

Motel Affair jumped the last like a stakes horse.

"He needed to jump the last two the way he did," said Murphy. "Running down into the last, the other three looked like they were going to meet it just right and it was going to be a little longer for us, but he had enough momentum and guts to go from where he needed to. He's got a lot of scope and he's got brains about him. He goes and jumps his fences."

Trainer Jonathan Sheppard enjoyed the fourth week at Saratoga, sweeping jump races on August 18 and 19. In the first, Marilyn Ketts's home-bred Cherokeeinthehills got the perfect trip under veteran Chip Miller to win a \$48,000 allowance. Breaking from the inside post in a field of eight, Cherokeeinthehills hugged the cones throughout.

Fourth and tucked away on the rail with a circuit to go,

Cherokeeinthehills dropped back to sixth as the tempo quickened on the backstretch. The 7-year-old stayed on, however, and reached the stretch with a chance.

"I was getting dragged with a turn to go, just getting outrun a little bit," said Miller. "He gave me two big jumps on the back that just kept him in there. I gave him a slap after we landed [at the second-last] and he swelled up and got running again."

A \$231,733 earner on the flat, Cherokeeinthehills angled out around two horses on the final turn, went back to the rail and surged into the last fence to score by two and three-quarters lengths after finishing fourth in a similar race on July 29.

"He's got a little class," said Sheppard. "He's a big, long-striding horse who would run a bit sharper even if the track was firmer. He ran gamely. He

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had the benefit of a race under his belt with Chip. The last three jumps were something else—all good, and that's what Chip's best at."

A day later, Sheppard-trained Miles Ahead outran Indispensable to win a \$35,000 claiming hurdle for Derry Meeting Farm. Bred by Sheppard and the owner in Pennsylvania, Miles Ahead came out of a July 24 flat race at Delaware Park, and used a sweeping move on the final turn to score by five and three-quarters lengths for jockey Danielle Hodsdon. Sixth on the backside, the 7-year-old simply kept rallying and reeled in Indispensable late, with long-shot Vintage Class third.

"He's pretty patient," said Hodsdon of her early spot near the back of the field. "He goes out, comes off the bridle and relaxes. If I want to move up half a length, all I have to do is ask and he'll move up half a length and wait for me to ask him again."

She asked again leaving the backstretch, and Miles Ahead answered.

"He doesn't want to be stuck down on the cones or be stuck right in behind somebody," said Hodsdon. "When I pulled him out and asked him on the turn, stuff was there and he steadily made up ground and really went after those horses."

The winner was claimed out of the race by flat connections Sanford Goldfarb and trainer Richard Dutrow, but did not run again at the meet.

Blinkers on can mean many things—a trainer out of options for one, a horse who needs to regain some focus for two. But can the shades help a horse jump?

Apparently.

Trainer Doug Fout went to blinkers for veteran hurdler Imperial Gold (NZ), and the horse responded with his best effort in seven starts to win a \$50,000 allowance for owner Eldon Farm and jockey Matt McCarron. Sloppy over his

fences in a sixth-place finish behind Serazzo on August 5, Imperial Gold looked like a different horse three weeks later. A noted stayer, he appreciated the extended distance to two and three-eighths miles, but simply ran a better race.

After being reserved early, he inched into contention on the final trip down the backstretch, moved to second behind Foretold (Ire) on the final turn, and won by a nose in a fierce stretch battle.

"Foretold was still going pretty easy in front [on the turn] and I didn't think there was any chance I was going to get to blow by him," said McCarron. "I did everything I could to try and discourage [him], but he just kept fighting along. My horse was really game."

The winner, a New Zealand import, paid \$45. The blinkers get some of the credit.

"He jumped much better and was just more into it," said McCarron. "Last time he fought me early, and today he was last the whole way and happy to be there until I asked him to move forward."

Pennsylvania-bred steeplechaser Brinton Bridge came into an August 4 claiming hurdle off four consecutive flat starts, including a win for \$22,500 at Philadelphia Park on July 7 and a 10th-place finish for a \$50,000 tag at Delaware on July 24.

The 9-year-old didn't forget how to jump, and proved it with a driving stretch run to win a \$35,000 claimer. Trained by Kathy Neilson for Gillian Johnston, Brinton Bridge surged late to beat Major Hero and Shahrahere at the wire. Rob Massey rode the winner, who was bred by Henry Elser.

"He was in good form and moving really well," said Neilson. "He's was just really free in the morning—better than he had been. He has severe foot problems and I put glue-on shoes on him this year. It's helped him."

Neilson stuck to flat races early this year, mostly because the claiming options weren't there. Saratoga's \$35,000 purse was enticing, and the trainer wanted to wait.

"There wasn't really any race that was suitable for him in the spring steeplechase book," she said. "He's not good enough to jump up in stakes company and luckily we found the right niche for him up here."

Trainer Jack Fisher sent Paradise's Boss out to win the steeplechase opener, a \$48,000 allowance, on July 29, but didn't really want to run—or something like that. With soft turf conditions and a decent-looking field, Fisher nearly went back to Maryland in favor of another run at the meet.

"I wanted to go home, had my stuff packed and was loading the van at 7 in the morning,"

said Fisher. "Then they told me they needed the horse to make the race. I really didn't think he'd like the soft ground."

Paradise's Boss, owned by Ann and Henry Stern, had no problem with the turf and even less trouble with the competition. The 4-year-old, ridden by Tom Foley, rated off the early pace before rallying on the final turn and through the stretch to win by three and a half lengths over The Editor's Son, Irish Prince and Cherokee in the hills.

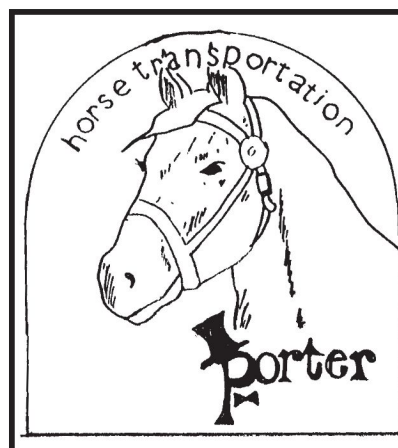
"I bought him at Monmouth last year," said Fisher. "I went to look at another horse, but they showed me him too and I liked him."

The winner improved to two-for-five over jumps, all this year.

NOTES

Mid-Atlantic-breds won four of the nine jump races at Saratoga, with Pennsylvania claiming two (Brinton Bridge and Miles Ahead) and Maryland adding Tres Touche and Cherokee in the hills. . . The fall schedule started on September 25 at Shawan Downs, and included an October 10 stop at Philadelphia Park.

Other highlights are the \$500,000 championship day at Far Hills, N.J., on October 23, the October 16 International Gold Cup meet and the Colonial Cup in Camden, S.C., on November 21. ★



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PA-based broodmare loses no time in proving herself



Lovely Afternoon, Lovely Later's PA-bred 3-year-old daughter by Not For Love, won the Arlington Breeders' Cup Oaks-G3 in a dead heat with Catboat.

One of Pennsylvania's newest breeding establishments, Deborah Rush's Two Sisters Farm in Coatesville, is home to the remarkable producer Lovely Later, whose first two foals to race, With Patience and Lovely Afternoon, are stakes winners in 2004.

One of a half-dozen mares at Two Sisters Farm, which Rush—a former show rider—established in 1999, Lovely Later has a pedigree that would make her a standout in most broodmare bands. By Green Dancer out of the Key to the Mint mare Fate's Reward, she was bred by the Mills family's venerable Hickory Tree Farm in Middleburg, Va.

Lovely Later's roots run deep in Virginia, tracing back

to her third dam Teo Pepi, whom James P. Mills and his wife, keen pedigree student Alice duPont Mills, purchased as a yearling for \$5,200 at the 1962 Keeneland summer sale.

Teo Pepi (Jet Action—Sherry L., by Occupation) was third in the Astarita Stakes at 2 and twice stakes-placed at 3 before retiring to the Hickory Tree broodmare band. There she made an indelible mark.

The Millses struck gold when they chose to mate Teo Pepi to Olden Times. Four times the mare produced foals by the Man o' War male line descendant, and the three who started were stakes winners. Hagley, the first of the three, would rank as one of Virginia's top sires for more than two decades.

Hagley, a foal of 1967 named for the Wilmington, Del., estate of Mrs. Mills's grandfather, was a very smart performer who won the Great American Stakes and Rancocas Stakes at 2, the latter while setting a new track record for five furlongs at Garden State Park. He added the Withers Stakes at 3 and retired with seven stakes wins or placings from 15 starts over two seasons.

Hagley stood his entire career at Hickory Tree, siring the earners of more than \$12.5 million. Pensioned in 1990, Hagley had 31 stakes winners from 18 crops, topped by champion Committed. As a broodmare sire, Hagley is represented by nearly 50 stakes winners, the best of whom was millionaire turf horse Hap.

Teo Pepi's 1974 son Dr. Riddick was a gelding, and spent seven years at the races, starting 88 times, winning 20 and finishing second or third 28 times, for earnings of \$388,232. Dr. Riddick was sold privately prior to his career debut at 3, and his eight stakes wins and 12 stakes placings came for owner Albert Stall.

Teo Pepi's only filly, Cast the Die, was foaled in 1973. She campaigned for the Millses, winning 14 of 25 starts and earning \$199,954, and was a five-time stakes winner over three seasons.

Although a talented runner, Cast the Die was an even better producer. Her eight foals to race were all winners, and six were black-type runners, among them a pair of accomplished fillies by Hickory Tree-campaigned stars.

Unfortunately, James Mills never had the chance to watch the pair compete, since he died in 1987. Devil's Orchid, a foal of 1987 by the Millses' champion Devil's Bag, was a \$604,521-earner whose triumphs included the Santa Monica Handicap-G1 and four additional stakes. Double Sixes (1990, by Gone West) was victress of the Pimlico Distaff Handicap-G3. Both

are now stakes producers—Devil's Orchid is the dam of Mountain Orchid, and Double Sixes produced Misty Sixes, herself a stakes winner in 2004.

Cast the Die's daughter Fate's Reward never won a stakes, but she was a consistent sort, finishing on the board in 10 of her 12 starts and earning \$74,860. Fate's Reward's career at stud was sadly limited to just four foals—she died in 1993 at age 11 after producing Lovely Later.

However, Fate's Reward's branch of the family has been busy, as three of her offspring are stakes-producing mares. Happenstance (by Alydar), the only black-type runner out of Fate's Reward, is the dam of the multiple stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Class (by Thunder Gulch).

Fate's Reward's daughter Fateful (by Topsider), was only a minor winner in England, but she is the dam of Private Account's English stakes winner Fatefully, who in turn has produced the Selkirk filly Favourable Terms, a three-time group winner in England who captured the Nassau Stakes-G1 in July.

Lovely Later didn't add to her family's luster on the track, as she never raced, but the foundation was there.

Lovely Later's sire, Green Dancer, was a top-class performer from the first crop of Nijinsky II. Trained in France, he captured the Observer Gold Cup-G1 in England at 2, and won the Poule d'Essai des Poulains-G1 and Prix Lupin-G1 on his home turf at 3.

Green Dancer began his stud career in France, and was then imported to stand at Gainesway Farm in Kentucky. In the course of a 25-year stud career, he sired nearly 90 stakes winners.

As a broodmare sire, Green Dancer has turned out to be even better, and so far his daughters have produced more than 150 stakes winners.

Russell Jones of Walnut Green Bloodstock, who has

handled Hickory Tree sales consignments for more than 20 years, recalls particularly liking Lovely Later. But twice the Green Dancer filly didn't meet her reserve when she was offered by her breeder at the Keeneland sales—first as a yearling in 1994, and again, while in foal to Wekiva Springs, in 1997. Thus the first two foals Lovely Later produced, a 1998 Wekiva Springs filly, who died at 2 without being named, and With Patience in 1999, were bred in the name of Hickory Tree.

With Patience was sold as a yearling for \$15,000 at the Keeneland September sale. To date, the daughter of With Approval has won five of 21 races and \$258,450.

A two-time stakes winner in 2002, With Patience annexed the Somethingroyal Stakes at this summer's Colonial Downs's meet. She also boasts five stakes placings, including the Royal North, Boiling Springs Breeders' Cup and Gallorette Handicaps, all Grade 3 events.

Although bred to run all day, With Patience is a very versatile performer. She was coming off a third in the mile and a sixteenth Gallorette when she captured the Somethingroyal Stakes at five and a half furlongs, and two starts later, she shortened up from a good fourth in a graded stakes at a mile and an eighth to take second in Woodbine's six-furlong Royal North. That hints of some pretty nifty conditioning by owner/trainer Elizabeth Hendriks.

Hickory Tree sent Lovely Later once again to the sales in 1999. Upon the advice of Jones, Rush acquired her, in foal to Not For Love, for \$42,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December sale. Lovely Later was Rush's first broodmare.

Rush sold the Not For Love foal, a filly named Married for Money, for \$22,000 at the 2001 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale, and later repurchased her privately. Never raced, the mare is in

foal to More Than Ready and scheduled to be sold this fall at the Keeneland November sale.

Lovely Afternoon, a daughter of Afternoon Deelites, was sold as a yearling as well, for \$52,000 at the 2002 Keeneland September sale, and has done all her racing for Richard Otto Stables Inc.

Lovely Afternoon showed a lot of ability from the very earliest stage of her career, finishing third in the Top Flight Stakes and fourth in the Arlington-Washington Lassie Stakes-G3 before breaking her maiden. Her first win came at a mile on turf at Hawthorne, about a month after her Arlington-Washington effort. Ending her juvenile campaign with a win in the Blue Mountain Futurity over Penn National's main track, she was named champion Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old filly.

Based in the Chicago area with trainer Tony Mitchell,

Lovely Afternoon was away for nearly five months before making her first start of 2004, in which she finished fifth in the Meafara Stakes at Hawthorne. Although competitive in her next four outings, the best she could manage was an allowance victory at a mile and an eighth over a sloppy track at Arlington in May.

Lovely Afternoon came out on August 21 to run the race of her life in the Arlington Breeders' Cup Oaks-G3. Dismissed at odds of 17-1, she stalked the pace three-wide, then, after Catboat had taken the lead in midstretch, she determinedly pursued that rival through the stretch, getting up to force a dead heat at the wire. With four wins in 12 starts, Lovely Afternoon boasts earnings of \$150,076.

Lovely Later has since produced a colt by Two Punch, Adios Ciao Bye Bye, who realized \$140,000 for Rush at the

2003 Keeneland September Yearling sale and was resold for \$145,000 at this year's Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds in Training sale. After aborting her 2003 foal, Lovely Later failed to conceive to the cover of Capote for 2004. She is in foal to Gulch.

Although With Approval (by Caro-Ire), the sire of With Patience, and Afternoon Deelites (by Private Terms), the sire of Lovely Afternoon, come from different sire lines, they do bring one common factor to the pedigree. With Approval's second dam is a daughter of Northern Dancer, while Afternoon Deelites's broodmare sire, Medaille d'Or, is out of a Northern Dancer mare.

Since Green Dancer is a Northern Dancer grandson, both With Patience and Lovely Afternoon have Northern Dancer doubled through a son and a daughter. ★

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Finger on the pulse of performance

Many advances have been made in human sports medicine that enable runners, swimmers and other athletes to optimize their training time and effort. Few of these scientific methods and gadgets have found their way into horse training, but one that is gaining popularity is the heart rate monitor.

A heart rate monitor is a device connected to the horse by two electrodes—placed at the armpit on one side, and the withers on the other side. The monitor produces a digital readout of the horse's heart rate, either through hard wiring or by a radio transmitter, in a receiver worn on the rider's wrist.

"Heart rate monitor" is actually a misnomer, because the device does not monitor or map out heart waves like an electrocardiograph. More

appropriately, it would be called a pulse monitor because it registers heart beats per minute.

Top-of-the-line models are capable of downloading heart rate data gathered during a training exercise to computer software that graphs the information. By overlapping the graphs of several training sessions, a trainer can document a horse's progress. Other models offer trainers the ability to monitor a horse's heart rate via transmitter from a half-mile away.

Some high-tech operations add two-way headsets worn by the rider and the trainer. The trainer can monitor the horse's heart rate and communicate instructions to the rider based on the data, and the rider can respond with feedback on how the horse is handling the training session.

ONE TRAINER'S TESTIMONIAL

"You would not believe how well he works at home, and we have a heart monitor on him all the time. His heart rate goes up very quickly but also drops just as quick. His recovery rate is so much quicker than normal."—Trainer Aidan O'Brien talking about One Cool Cat, after the 2003 European champion 2-year-old colt won the Patrick P. O'Leary Memorial Phoenix Sprint Stakes-G3 at the Curragh on August 8.

Albert A. Gabel, DVM, M.S., was one of the first to research the use of heart rate monitors in race horse training during a study at Ohio State University in the mid-1970s.

"There is a good correlation between how fit a horse is and how fast its heart rate is," he said. "The fitter the horse is, the faster the pulse comes back down after exercise. Especially if people are doing interval training, they can use a horse's heart rate to tell how well the horse is recovering between periods of work."

Interval training is a method of challenging the horse's cardiovascular system by asking him to do bursts of speed, followed by periods of cool-down to allow the heart rate to return to normal. Interval training is most commonly utilized by Standardbred trainers, who send horses out to jog two or three times per training session with a slight period of recuperation between jogs.

HOW TO USE HEART RATE DATA

Typically, a race horse's resting heart rate is about 26 to 36 beats per minute. A horse's heart is very different from a human's and can safely accelerate to 10 times its resting rate. At peak stress, a horse's heart rate can go up as high as 240 beats per minute.

A relatively low resting heart rate is indicative of a heart big enough to pump a large amount of blood with each stroke. Which means that a horse with a resting heart rate consistently above 44 to 46 beats per minute may not be a good racing prospect. In general, horses with bigger hearts tend to be better athletes.

Although this is a simple rule of thumb, Tom Ivers, an equine sports medicine expert and author of the book series *The Fit Racehorse*, said it is only one piece of a complex puzzle, and a better way to judge the

potential of a young racing prospect is by use of an efficiency score—how many feet per heart beat the horse can travel.

To calculate the efficiency score, you first warm up the horse until his heart rate plateaus. Then, maintaining the horse's heart rate at that level, you gallop the horse a measured distance—for example a quarter-mile—noting the time it takes and the horse's heart rate. The following formula gives you how many feet the horse traveled per heart beat:

Distance traveled in feet divided by time in seconds divided by heart rate times 60.

"Now you have a base number, and the difference between this horse and the one standing next to him is how fast that number improves over time," Ivers said. "Some horses have natural ability, some horses don't. It is easily measured by the rate by which they improve through conditioning. If you chart out the heart rate responses to exercise, say every two weeks, you would see one horse improving and getting a higher efficiency score than another horse given the same exercise. When that happens, you have isolated the precocious horse."

RECOVERY RATE

Recovery rate is how long it takes a horse's heart rate to return to normal after a period of exertion. The length of time it takes indicates a horse's degree of fitness and conditioning. Heart rate recovery can tell you if the day's exercise program has honed the animal's performance, made no impact at all, or placed him in the danger area for fatigue-related injuries.

Ivers continued: "The way you tell that is when you cross the finish line and start pulling the horse up to a walk, the heart rate is going to drop very quickly. Say you got the

heart rate up to 212 during the workout. In 30 seconds it's going to be down to about 190; in 60 seconds it will be around 140. Sometime between 60 to 90 seconds it is going to flatten out, called a recovery plateau.

"If it flattens out below 100, you didn't do anything that day. You didn't even get a conditioning effect. If it's between 100 and 110, that's okay but not great. If it flattens out between 110 to 120, you've done a nice piece of work. Over 120, you are starting to get into really tough work. More than a recovery heart rate of 125 signals a yellow light—you become cautious. If you go above 130, that's the red light."

Gabel advised: "If you see the horse's pulse rate is going very high and he is not recovering very well, you would not want to increase his work. You might instead decide to hold him there for another week. That's the biggest advantage of it.

"There is one other thing that is of value. Horses that have pain somewhere—just getting lame—will often have a higher pulse rate just from the stress of the pain."

TECHNOLOGY APPLIED TO THOROUGHBRED TRAINING

At Horse Technology 2004 on August 3 and 4 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Michael Collier, DVM, advocated the use of heart rate monitors to avoid athletic injuries associated with lack of fitness, to maximize a horse's training program, and to give trainers an accurate assessment of a horse's fitness.

Collier, an advocate of combining interval training with heart rate monitors, said: "That's where the Thoroughbred people tend to fall down. They don't do that interval prescription, so they don't really challenge the horse enough.

"They need to do like the Standardbred trainers. You should be able to do two intervals twice a week where you blow them out really hard, let their heart rate recover for maybe two minutes, and then do it again.

"There are a variety of ways to do that, but the goal is a couple times a week to put them into something where their heart rate is 190 or over and challenge them with a short recovery so they start to build some really high anaerobic resistance endurance. The object is to maintain that high heart rate for 30 seconds to a minute, or a half-mile to three-quarters of a mile."

You can view Collier's full lecture, "How Cardio-Technology Can Support Training and Conditioning Initiatives," at www.horsetechnology.com. Look for it under "Session Follow-Up Materials."

TOO MUCH BOTHER

Many trainers feel that using a heart rate monitor is too much bother. Electrodes can lose contact with the horse or simply fall off during training. Also, experienced trainers believe they can tell from a horse's breathing, stride, body language and overall condition whether he has gotten a good workout without the need for high-tech gadgets.

Christopher Wentworth, president of Horse Heart Monitors Inc., defended their use. He said: "If you give a horseman with poor skills a heart rate monitor, they're not going to go anywhere. All [our customers] who are successful have years and years of training behind them, and they have added one extra element to their training program and it gets them ahead. Instead of knowing 90 percent, they know with 100 percent accuracy. So it gives them this one extra edge." ★

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LINDA DOUGHERTY

When Pink Toes Farm LLC's *I'm a Hottie* won a maiden special weight at five furlongs in her second start on August 17, it represented more than just a victory on the race track. It was a testament to her will to live, as well as her owner's patience, perseverance and faith.

As a foal, *I'm a Hottie* (Formal Dinner—Mudder McCree, by Greinton-GB) was stepped on by her dam and suffered a deep gash in her right flank. At first it was feared she might never race, but in time the injury healed without any major damage to her muscles, and she was entered in the 2002 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May Two-Year-Olds in Training sale.

At the sale, she caught the eye of trainer Dee Curry, who recommended her purchase for \$20,000 to owners Jeff and Lisa Bowen (Pink Toes Farm). Brought back to Philadelphia Park, *I'm a Hottie* was nearing her first start in December 2002 when she suffered the first of two serious colic attacks.

"We rushed her to New Bolton Center [at the University of Pennsylvania], and they did surgery," said Curry. "Afterwards we sent her to a farm for stall rest and turn-out, and she came back to my barn in late spring, when I put her into training."

I'm a Hottie again was getting close to her first start when, in November 2003, she colicked again. This time, the attack was much worse.

"All day and night we sat with her, and she wasn't getting any better. I called Jeff and Lisa [Bowen] and told them the options—either put her down, or send her back to New Bolton. Jeff said, 'I'm not putting her down,' so back she went for another surgery," Curry recalled.

Dr. Jennifer Smith of the New Bolton Center called Curry with the grim news: *I'm a Hottie* had an abnormally long large intestine that was literally "flip-flopping around," said Curry, and causing the colic. The operation involved cutting the intestine in half and stitching it back up.

Within days after the surgery, *I'm a Hottie* developed a salmonella infection at New Bolton, partly due to the fact that her immune system was weakened. She was forced to stay at New Bolton for three weeks, then was transferred to a nearby farm in Oxford, Pa., for 30 days of stall rest and another six weeks of recuperation.

"I saw her in February [of 2004], and she looked really bad," said Curry. "She was very thin, was having a lot of bad days, and was in pain."

Once again, the Bowens had to consider euthanizing her, despite having spent over \$40,000 on veterinary care and related expenses. They decided to give her more time.

Suddenly, in March, *I'm a Hottie* turned the corner. As the days warmed, her health returned. She was gaining weight, and now the good days outnumbered the bad. The filly grew stronger and improved enough so that in May she was ready to rejoin Curry at Philadelphia Park, resuming her training for the third time.

And on August 17, the story had a happy ending—I'm a *Hottie* flashed under the wire nearly five lengths in front of her nearest foe, a winner in every sense of the word.

When Joe Williams dropped the claim slip for \$8,000 on March 14 at Philadelphia for *Wooglin*, he knew the 6-year-old gelding had shown versatility, but had no idea what kind of "diamond in the rough" he would turn out to be.

In 12 starts since the claim, *Wooglin* has sparkled in nearly every race he's been entered, winning four times, including a game three-quarter-length score in a \$20,660 allowance at a mile and a sixteenth on August 15, a race originally scheduled for the grass.

"He is out of an Alleged mare, but he'd started 43 times before I took him and he'd never been on the turf," said Williams, a former jockey's agent who lives in Southampton, Pa. Williams has three other horses in training, and uses Frank Turchi Jr. as his trainer.

"*Wooglin* has started three times so far on the grass and has a win and a second this summer in allowance and starter handicap races. I'll probably look at some turf races or small stakes at the Meadowlands this fall for him," Williams added.

In June, July and August, *Wooglin* made seven starts for Williams and only failed to pick up a check once. Overall, he's won seven of his 55 starts and \$95,376.

"He runs as much as a Standardbred does, and he always fires," said Williams. "He's a super horse to work around and he bounces back fast from his races."

Jockey **Tony Black** has been riding for nearly three decades, but on August 3 he showed why he's still considered one of the toughest competitors on the Mid-Atlantic circuit when

Trainer Dick Dutrow admitted he was taking a big step with Jay Em Ess Stable's *Love of Money* by starting him in the 26th running of the \$750,000 Pennsylvania Derby-G2 on September 6 at Philadelphia Park.

Love of Money, a 3-year-old Maryland-bred son of Not For Love—Mescalina, by Smarten, had been impressive in three lifetime starts—winning twice—but he had been competing in allowance company and had never before raced around two turns.

"I knew my horse was doing really, really good, and sometimes horses really excel in their first try around two turns," said the New York-based Dutrow. "I decided to take the chance."

Dutrow had been extremely patient with *Love of Money* since the colt arrived in his barn last year at Saratoga after having been purchased as a yearling for \$70,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale. He showed Dutrow exceptional talent while training, but Dutrow noticed that the colt "wasn't pushing off the right way," he said.

"We sent him to Dr. Larry Bramlage and he diagnosed him as having a sprained hind suspensory," said Dutrow. "I gave him as much time as he needed. . . I waited and waited and waited. He had shown me such a tremendous turn of foot that I knew if I was patient, we'd have a very nice race horse on our hands."

Love of Money made his long-awaited debut on June 12 at Belmont Park, winning by six lengths in 1:09.63 for six furlongs. In his next start, on July 9 at Belmont in a "never won two" allowance race, he was second, then won a seven-furlong allowance test at Saratoga on August 12 in the slop by six lengths under a hand ride.

LOVE OF MONEY ROMPS IN PENNSYLVANIA DERBY-G2

John Velazquez, who had ridden the colt in all three starts, was committed to ride Pollard's Vision in the mile and an eighth Pennsylvania Derby, which attracted a full field of 12 3-year-olds. Dutrow had Robby Albarado work Love of Money at Saratoga on September 1, and then named him to ride at Philadelphia Park.

"That work [five furlongs in 1:00.3, handily], was the best breeze I've ever seen," said Dutrow. "He looked like he was just walking."

Dutrow put his money where his mouth was, wagering \$2,000 to win and place on Love of Money in the Pennsylvania Derby. The colt held a major advantage over his 11 foes in the race—possessing brilliant speed on a severely speed-biased surface, over which horses found it nearly impossible to close earlier on the card.

From post 4, Albarado shot Love of Money straight to the lead at the break, and literally never looked back. Racing closest in attendance were Pollard's Vision and Queen's Plate winner Niigon, who'd shipped to Philadelphia Park from Woodbine.

Love of Money maintained a one-length lead over Pollard's Vision until the head of the stretch, when he opened up under urging by Albarado and hit the eighth-pole four lengths in front. He was running so easily that Albarado wrapped up on the colt in the last 70 yards, galloping under the wire eight and a half lengths in front in 1:48.42.

Pollard's Vision was second, while Swingforthe fences and jockey Shaun Bridgmohan may have run the best race of all, closing from 10th position to get third. Winchell Thoroughbreds's favored Tapit, winner of the Wood Memorial-G1 in April, was ninth, while former claimer My Snookie's Boy, second in the Grade 1 Haskell Invitational Handicap



Jay Em Ess Stable's Love of Money, a Maryland-bred son of leading Mid-Atlantic sire Not For Love, scored by eight and a half lengths over a field of accomplished rivals in Philadelphia Park's showcase event for 3-year-olds.

at Monmouth Park on August 8, was 10th.

Not only did Love of Money earn \$450,000 for his owners—Mace and Samantha Siegel—but he also netted Dutrow nearly \$40,000 at the parimutuel windows, based on his payoffs of \$27.40 and \$12.40.

"I'm not going to throw him into something like the Breeders' Cup," said Dutrow, "but to be very honest I don't know where he'll run next. Maybe we'll look at something like the Indiana Derby-G2."

Wherever he turns up, Love of Money has proven that he belongs in graded stakes company, and bears watching later this fall.

FINISH LINES

A crowd of about 15,000—half of what Philadelphia Park management expected if Roy and Pat Chapman's Smarty Jones had run in the Pennsylvania Derby—showed up on Labor Day, and they were treated to picture-per-

fect weather and a competitive nine-race undercard. In the \$75,000 Steve Van Buren Handicap, named for the famed running back for the Philadelphia Eagles who was a regular at the Bensalem oval, Nick Sanna's Smooth Maneuvers, a 4-year-old daughter of Grindstone trained by Mike Pino and ridden by Ramon Dominguez, took the seven-furlong event as the betting choice. She was timed in 1:22.60. . . The \$100,000

Pennsylvania Oaks, at a mile and 70 yards for 3-year-old fillies, produced a rare dead heat, as Mike Rutherford's Taittinger Rose and Edmund A. Gann's Reforest hit the wire together. Pat Day rode Taittinger Rose, a daughter of Meniffee trained by Bill Mott, while John Velazquez piloted Reforest, a daughter of Forestry trained by Bobby Frankel. The pair was timed in 1:41.35.

/Linda Dougherty



Taittinger Rose (outside), ridden by Pat Day, and Reforest, with John Velazquez up, dead heated for victory in the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Oaks.

SMARTY JONES MAKES HERO'S EXIT AT PHILADELPHIA PARK



Smarty's farewell party: Trainer John Servis speaks into the microphone as Smarty Jones parades with exercise rider Pete Van Trump (left) and groom Mario Arriagas.

The morning of August 14 dawned gray and gloomy, reflecting the mood of trainer John Servis, his wife Sherry, and others associated with the famous colt in Barn 11. Just four months ago, they'd been on top of the world, the darlings of America, after Smarty Jones won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes. The Pennsylvania Derby Room on the second floor of Philadelphia Park was the place where owners Roy and

Pat Chapman received the \$5 million bonus check from Charles Cella of Oaklawn Park after Smarty swept the Rebel Stakes, Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby, earning the "Centennial Bonus."

And now, the fairy tale was over. Stall 38 would soon be vacant, then filled by another horse.

The mood inside the Philadelphia grandstand wasn't festive, either, although most fans said they understood why their hero was being taken

from them after only nine lifetime starts. Earlier that week, a joint announcement was made by the Chapmans and Three Chimneys Farm that Smarty Jones was suffering from "chronic bruising" of all four cannon bones and, because he was so valuable a prospect as a stud, would be retired from racing. Three race tracks—Saratoga, Monmouth Park and Philadelphia Park—wanted Smarty to parade before their fans, but Philadelphia was chosen by the Chapmans. The next day, August 15, he was vanned to Midway, Ky., and a new life.

Philadelphia Park sold a special commemorative program, featuring color photos of the colt throughout his Triple Crown campaign, and Smarty Jones shirts, hats and a book were selling briskly, though not in the rabid, manic manner that they were snapped up immediately following the Derby and Preakness.

The crowd wasn't as large as the ones that flocked to the track after Smarty's spring victories, either. More than 10,000 came through the doors to watch Smarty gallop in preparation for the Belmont Stakes-G1; only about 6,000 were on hand for his swan song.

After the second race was run, groom Mario Arriagas began getting Smarty ready for his final appearance on a race track. The Chapmans weren't there, nor was jockey Stewart Elliott, but Pete Van Trump, his exercise rider, was, as was barn foreman Bill Foster. Then the third race was over, and it was time for Smarty's final farewell.

With the skies growing darker and the threat of rain bearing down, the entourage made its way from Barn 11, down the horsepath, and into the chute at the head of the stretch. Fans lined the rail two and three-deep, shouting Smarty's name. Fathers hoisted children onto their shoulders, letting them

get a look at the chestnut one last time. Flashes from cameras lighted Smarty's way towards the paddock.

But it was more like a funeral procession than the celebration of a good horse's career. Downcast looks from Foster, Van Trump and Servis were the order of the day, not smiles or laughter. Smarty, for his part, thought he was going to race again, and began sweating between his back legs in anticipation of the competition. He acted confused when, after circling the walking ring several times, he was led to the winner's circle for more pictures and accolades from track officials and local politicians.

Then Servis took the microphone, expressing his thanks to the Chapmans, Philadelphia Park and to the fans.

"This has been a lot of fun, and no one's had more fun than myself and my family," he said.

"If the horse is injured, I certainly wouldn't want him to keep racing," said Paul Owens, a retired schoolteacher from Perkasio, Pa., who'd traveled to Philadelphia Park to see Smarty one last time. "Then again, this horse was so good for the sport, it's a shame that he won't be around anymore."

Amid applause and cheers, Smarty Jones was led out of the winner's circle and back down the home-stretch. Just as he departed, a steady, drenching rain began, sending fans scurrying inside the grandstand. It was perhaps a fitting ending to a sad day, a day in which one of the sport's brightest stars was acknowledged for all that he'd accomplished, but mourned because he was being taken away much too soon.

/Linda Dougherty

he returned to pilot Maple Leaf Farm's Assertive Stuff to victory only two days after suffering a fractured nose and lacerated face in a starting gate mishap.

Black, whose face was bruised and swollen when he arrived in the paddock to mount Assertive Stuff, didn't let the pain slow him down as he roused the Ned Allard trainee in deep stretch, then drew off to win the five-furlong allowance test in :58.10.

Although he was named on several other horses on the card, Black took off those mounts after his lone ride to keep a doctor's appointment.

On August 14, trainer Tim Ritchey and rider Jeremy Rose teamed up to take the \$100,000 Larry Riviello President's Cup, Philadelphia's local prep for the \$750,000 Pennsylvania Derby-G2, with CJZ Racing Stable's **Separato**, a 3-year-old son of Victory Gallop.

Put to a drive by Rose on the far turn in the mile and 70-yard test, Separato swept from last to first in the field of 10 and flashed under the wire five

lengths in front of Gadace's Khamseh and favored Prince Joseph.

"That was some burst," said Rose. "He's actually made that same move the last couple times out, but today it was more pronounced and more dramatic."

Separato was timed in 1:41.93 and returned \$8.60. He was claimed by his owners for \$40,000 on June 22, and the Riviello Cup represented his first stakes win and third consecutive victory.

Overall, Separato, a Virginia-bred out of the Alleged mare La Bellissima, has a record of four wins from 10 starts and earnings of \$124,660.

"Tim [Ritchey] has done a tremendous job with this colt," said Rose. "When he first got him, he'd been sprinting. He decided to stretch him out right away and now he's just getting better with every start."

Heiligbrodt Racing Stable and Walter New's **Caught in the Rain** is a multiple graded stakes winner on the turf. But she proved her mettle on the



Separato rallied from last to first under Jeremy Rose and swept to a five-length victory in the Larry Riviello President's Cup.

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dirt when she captured the Pennsylvania-bred restricted \$50,000 Pistol Packer Handicap on August 7 over a game Gold-digger Beware.

It was the first win of the season for Caught in the Rain, and it gave her trainer, Guadalupe Preciado, a stakes double on the day, as he saddled Hidden Lane Farm's Baldomera to victory in the \$50,000 Polly's Jet

Stakes at Delaware Park which went off at virtually the same time.

Caught in the Rain, a 5-year-old daughter of Petionville, covered the mile and a sixteenth in the Pistol Packer in 1:45.86, and was ridden to victory by Victor Molina. She increased her lifetime earnings to \$382,974. ★

MONMOUTH PARK: REGION'S MARQUEE SUMMER MEET

MIKE FARRELL
AND CINDY DEUBLER

Hurricane Charley brushed the Jersey Shore the morning of August 15, doing little damage other than dumping considerable rain.

That precipitation was a decisive factor in the Grade 2 \$200,000 Monmouth Breeders' Cup Oaks-G2 for 3-year-old fillies that afternoon as **Capeside**

Lady romped to a six and a half-length victory in the mud.

Capeside Lady ran the mile and a sixteenth in 1:42.18 for her first graded stakes victory.

Trained by Todd Pletcher, Capeside Lady thrives on a wet track. The victory improved her record to four wins in five off-track starts.

The New York-bred won her previous race, Monmouth's Little Silver Stakes, by 13½ lengths in the slop. The Oaks was a considerable class hike, but Capeside Lady made it look easy.

Jockey Chris DeCarlo smacked her only twice in the stretch as Capeside Lady left the competition spinning their wheels in the muck.

"At the quarter pole, she really accelerated," said



Todd Pletcher-trained Capeside Lady relished the muddy going in the Monmouth Breeders' Cup Oaks-G2, romping by six and a half lengths.

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DeCarlo. "She finished stronger today. I just chirped to her and she switched leads and just took off."

Hopelessly Devoted, last in the early stages, rallied to get

second. Habiboo, an impressive winner of consecutive races at Monmouth, got third in her stakes debut.

Habiboo is owned and trained by Amy Tarrant, whose

AROUND THE OVALS



Gulch Approval defeated Kathir to win the Oceanport Handicap-G3, his third victory in a row for Marylou Whitney Stables and trainer Nick Zito.



Forest Grove, trained by Todd Pletcher for breeder/owners Aaron and Marie Jones, scored a \$28 upset in the Ocean Place Resort Stakes.



Travelator's victory as 6-5 favorite in the Regret Stakes gave trainer Stanley Hough his second stakes win on the Haskell undercard.



Where We Left Off (GB) outfinished pacesetter Mrs. M in the Matchmaker Stakes-G3. "I let her relax and find room," said winning rider Corey Nakatani.



Canadian Frontier, carrying the colors of Mrs. E. Paul Robsham, won two consecutive stakes at Monmouth—the Longfellow and Teddy Drone (above).

\$180,000. Now she has a weanling colt by Forestry, and I'm going to take a good look at him and see if I can get him."

Tarrant changed her entire world two years ago when she decided to take charge of her Thoroughbred life and train her own horses, plus start a modest breeding operation.

"I raised five children and now I want to do this," she said. "I'm absolutely loving it. I jump out of bed every morning ready to go."

Haskell day on August 8 more than upheld its status as New Jersey's biggest day of racing. Along with Lion Heart's valiant performance in the \$1 million Haskell Invitational Handicap-G1 (covered in last month's *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*), the track showcased six \$100,000 stakes, including two

Grade 3 events—the Oceanport Handicap and Matchmaker Stakes—on its 14-race card.

Pat Day feared he might have moved **Gulch Approval** too soon in the Oceanport, but the Gulch gelding, tucked in behind the early leaders before slipping through along the inside, got his third straight win since trainer Nick Zito shifted the 4-year-old to the turf.

Gulch Approval dug in to win by a nose over the late-running Kathir, with Stormy Roman third. Final time for the mile and a sixteenth over a firm turf course was 1:42.31.

Owned by the Marylou Whitney Stables and purchased out of the Saratoga Select yearling sale for \$180,000, Gulch Approval boosted his earnings to \$271,582 from 22 career starts.

horses race under the Hardacre Farm LLC banner. This is just Tarrant's second full season as a trainer, and she's thrilled to see her labor rewarded.

Habiboo is not the first good filly Tarrant has owned.

She raced graded winner Bold World, a fast filly who won stakes at Monmouth and Calder during the summer of 2002.

"I wasn't into breeding then," Tarrant said, "so I put her in a sale and she went for

GHOSTZAPPER'S FRIGHTENINGLY FAST ISELIN HANDICAP-G3

Ghostzapper gave trainer Bobby Frankel another potent weapon in his arsenal with a runaway victory in the 69th edition of the Grade 3 \$200,000 Philip H. Iselin Breeders' Cup Handicap on August 21 at Monmouth Park.

Frankel, who already had Peace Rules, saw rising handicapper star Ghostzapper power to a 10¾-length victory in the slop, completing the mile and an eighth in 1:47.66. He earned a jaw-dropping Beyer speed figure of 128, by far the highest at any distance in the nation this year (through September 6).

The Iselin could lead to bigger and better things for Frank Stronach-owned and bred Ghostzapper, with Frankel setting his sights on the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1.

"I'm thinking about the mile and a quarter," said Frankel. "I think he's a top-class horse. I think I'll try him in the Woodward [at Belmont Park] and then the Breeders' Cup."

That was after the star sprinter had successfully ventured around two turns and gone beyond seven furlongs for the first time.

Ghostzapper had already demonstrated high speed at shorter distances in his last two races at Belmont Park. He rallied from last to first to win the Grade 1 Vosburgh at six and a half furlongs last fall, and posted another strong effort going seven furlongs to win the Grade 2 Tom Fool Handicap on July 4.

He clearly had class. Stamina while tackling two turns for the first time was open to debate heading into the Iselin.

Frankel, in the days before the Iselin, harbored no doubts.

"I don't think it will be a problem," said a confident Frankel of the 4-year-old Awesome Again colt who had won five of seven starts.

Ghostzapper, if you'll pardon the pun, scared off most of the competition. He faced only three rivals with Presidentialaffair the only serious threat. Philadelphia Park-based trainer Martin Ciresa debated the Iselin long and hard before running Presidentialaffair. Ciresa was unhappy with the 117 pounds assigned Presidentialaffair and came close to opting for the Grade 2 \$250,000 Saratoga Breeders' Cup on the following day.



Frank Stronach's homebred Ghostzapper earned a 128 Beyer speed figure in the Iselin, easily the highest of any performer so far this year.

It would have taken a lot to keep Presidentialaffair away from Monmouth. The 5-year-old gelding had already won two stakes during the meet, the Grade 3 Salvator Mile and a track record-setting performance in the Skip Away. Overall, Presidentialaffair had won six of nine at Monmouth.

Ciresa felt the three-pound swing (120 to 117) from Ghostzapper to Presidentialaffair was too small. "Ghostzapper consistently runs some of the best speed figures in the country," said Ciresa. "Five pounds would be fair, four pounds I could possibly see, but three are not enough."

The two rivals were close on the scale and were never far apart for most of the Iselin.

Presidentialaffair dictated the pace as expected and threw down the challenge to Ghostzapper.

Jockey Javier Castellano let Ghostzapper settle in second right behind the ambitious pace in the steady rain set by Presidentialaffair with Stewart Elliott aboard. Opening fractions of :22.84, :45.92 and 1:09.77 were posted.

"I wanted to stay close to the pace," said Castellano. "I saw in the earlier races that the ones on the lead never came back."

Ghostzapper started to roll midway on the final turn and steadily pulled away in the lane.

"He was always in the race," said Castellano. "He always wanted to go. When I saw Stewart Elliott start riding his horse at the quarter pole, I had plenty of horse and felt I would win the race." It was far back to the battle for third as Zoffinger nosed out Private Lap. /Mike Farrell

"It was a big race," said Day. "He's really turned around since Nick put him on the grass. It seems like he's found a home there."

Where We Left Off (GB) continued her strong recent form with a length victory in the Matchmaker, for fillies and mares at a mile and an eighth on the turf. The Christophe Clement trainee was winning

for the fifth time in her last six starts, all at different tracks up and down the East Coast since last November. Corey Nakatani was astride the 4-year-old Dr Devious (Ire) filly for the first time and let her settle well off the pace in the early going.

"I rode her with a lot of confidence and just let her relax and find room," said Nakatani,

who won two stakes on the card.

The Moyglare Stud Farm homebred earned her seventh victory from 11 starts while clocking 1:48.80 over the firm course. Pacesetter Mrs. M held on for second, with Spin Control rallying for third.

Forest Grove gave Nakatani his first stakes win of the afternoon as the colt got up

by a length and a quarter in the Ocean Place Resort Stakes, which drew a field of 10 3-year-olds going a mile on the turf.

Trained by Todd Pletcher for breeder/owners Aaron and Marie Jones, Forest Grove stretched out successfully after most recently finishing fourth in the five and a half-furlong Ogygian Stakes at Belmont

AROUND THE OVALS



Chrusciki held off Misty Sixes to win the Lady's Secret and gain her first stakes victory for owner Nancy Lee Farms and trainer Ferris Allen.



Vincent Papandrea's Then She Laughs scored two victories in three Monmouth Park outings, including the Miss Woodford Stakes.



The Junior Champion Stakes, forced off the turf, showcased Dogwood Stable's Speedy Deedy, a 2-year-old daughter of Victory Gallop.

Park. He posted the biggest payoff on the card, returning \$28 to win.

Mrs. E. Paul Robsham's **Canadian Frontier** captured the Teddy Drone Stakes for his second Monmouth stakes win in a row. The Stanley Hough-trained 5-year-old took the Longfellow Stakes on the United Nations undercard on July 3.

A beautifully bred son of Gone West out of Seattle Slew's graded stakes-winning daughter Borodislew, Canadian Frontier won the Grade 3 Bold Ruler Handicap at Belmont in May and is being pointed for the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1. He completed the Teddy Drone's six furlongs in 1:09.14.

Hough sent out a second stakes winner on the day as **Travelator** annexed the six-furlong Regret Stakes for fillies and mares as the 6-5 favorite in the field of nine.

After regularly competing in restricted stakes, the 4-year-old A. P. Jet filly was recording her first score in open company. Getting her eighth victory from 16 outings, the New York-bred owned by Our Sugar Bear Stable has earned \$360,311.

One of the most exciting finishes of the day had **Chrusciki** holding off **Misty Sixes** to win the Lady's Secret Stakes by a neck.

Vying for the lead the entire mile and a sixteenth, Chrusciki, with Stewart Elliott up, had a daylight advantage entering the stretch, but Misty Sixes, coming in off a third-place finish in the Delaware Handicap-G2, was gaining with every stride. Chrusciki found the wire just in time to record her first stakes victory and fourth win in eight starts this season for owner Nancy Lee Farms and trainer Ferris Allen. The 4-year-old Maryland-bred is the 46th stakes winner for the deceased Maryland sire Polish Numbers.

Marty Ciresa has a Monmouth Park powerhouse in his barn in the form of his and

Vincent Papandrea's Presidentialaffair. It looks as if they may have another.

Then She Laughs, a 3-year-old filly by Distorted Humor owned by Papandrea and trained by Ciresa, won for the second time in three Monmouth Park outings with her two and a quarter-length score in the Miss Woodford Stakes on August 22. With Stewart Elliott in the irons, the bay filly prompted the pace in the six-furlong sprint before wresting the lead away from pacesetter **Absolute Nectar** and drawing clear. The fourth choice in the six-horse field, **Then She Laughs** returned \$14.40 in recording her first stakes victory.

Although the Junior Champion Stakes for 2-year-old fillies came off the turf on August 22, nine faced the starter for the one-mile event. Dogwood Stable's **Speedy Deedy** was alone at the finish in the strung-out field as she recorded her second win in three starts with her three and a half-length victory over **By Grace Alone**. Northern Babe, winner of Colonial Downs's Tippet Stakes on July 25, was another eight and three-quarters lengths back in third.

Trained by Graham Motion, **Speedy Deedy**, a daughter of Victory Gallop, broke her maiden two weeks earlier at Monmouth, also at a mile on the main track. Purchased for \$15,000 at the 2003 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July Yearling sale, the filly has earned \$62,600.

There's good news on the long-awaited debut of **account wagering** in New Jersey.

Dennis Dowd, vice-president for account and off-track wagering for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, has projected October 15 as the start-up date.

Bettors will be able to wager via the Internet and watch the races on streaming video. There is a strong possibility

that voice-activated telephone wagering will launch at the same time.

Phone bets utilizing live operators will start at a later

date following construction of a call center at the Meadowlands.

There is no provision yet for showing the races on local

television and Dowd called that "clearly a priority."

While account wagering draws closer, Dowd said the first off-track betting site has

not been selected and could not open until late in 2005, at the earliest. ★

PIMLICO RUNNERS TUNE UP FOR MARYLAND MILLION

SEAN CLANCY AND
LUCY ACTON

Pimlico's summer meet almost qualifies as a Maryland Million Preview, since most of the winners are using it as a launching pad to the rich state-sired program set October 9 at Pimlico.

He Loves Me could not have been happier about the move back to her home base of Pimlico. Trained by Richard Small for breeders Eddie and Binnie Houghton's Buckingham Farm, the Not For Love filly won her fifth stakes of the year (including three at Pimlico) when she captured the Twixt Stakes on opening day July 31.

He Loves Me rallied to defeat 2003 Maryland-bred 2-year-old filly champion Richetta. Pour It On finished third. As the 2-5 favorite, He Loves Me scored by a length and three-quarters and completed the nine furlongs in 1:51.12. He Loves Me was aiming for the Maryland Million Oaks.

The victory was one of three for jockey Jozbin Santana on the opening day card. The 25-year-old rider enjoyed a stellar beginning at Pimlico but it didn't last long, as he suffered a hairline fracture of his left leg on August 13.

Another horse glad to see Old Hilltop was **Yankee**



Buckingham Farm's He Loves Me (by Not For Love) is a five-time stakes winner in 2004 after scoring as overwhelming favorite in the Twixt Stakes.



Mrs. Frank P. Wright's homebred Yankee Wildcat, already the five-furlong course record-holder, led all the way to victory in the Mister Diz Stakes.

Wildcat, who set a course record over the Pimlico grass this spring, going five furlongs in :55.99. On August 7, he was nearly three seconds slower but still a winner. The son of Forest Wildcat secured the Mister Diz Stakes over Nortouch and Quest of Fate.

Ridden by Enrique Jurado for trainer Tim Tullock, Yankee

Wildcat made all the pace to win the Maryland-bred stakes by three and a half lengths and give owner/breeders Frank and Ginny Wright their third win in the Mister Diz. The Wrights were victorious with North Carroll (1992) and Tyaskin (1998).

Thirteen days later, **Nortouch** avenged the defeat by

winning a five-furlong allowance race on the grass by a neck over Yankee Wildcat. Trained by Ben Feliciano, Nortouch was pointed toward the new Maryland Million Turf Sprint.

On August 14, the All Brandy Stakes took a hit when rain continued to fall. The \$75,000 Maryland-bred filly and mare stakes was switched from the grass to the mud, which took away most of the field. Four went to the post, with **True Sensation** proving best.

River Cruise went to the front with Grace Bay and Sweep Up supplying the middle and True Sensation the back. True Sensation took on River Cruise at the head of the stretch and outbattled her for the victory. Grace Bay finished third.

Trained by Hamilton Smith, True Sensation, now 5, captured the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship in 2001 and the Twixt Stakes in 2002. Albert and Randy Cohen bred her from their former home stallion Itaka, and campaign her in the name of their Hickory Plains Stable.

"She's a tough Maryland-bred going long," said Smith. "She'll run either way, dirt or turf, but I was glad it came off. I've had her a long time, she's a sweetheart to train. When she was younger, she lugged out a little bit and was ornery but other than that, she's been easy to train. She's one of the barn pets now. She's mellowed and matured, and is more relaxed around the barn and in her races."

True Sensation was another one going to the Maryland Million in her next start.

AROUND THE OVALS

The Find Handicap also felt the impact when rain washed it off the turf on August 21. Five went postward, with Cherokee's Boy the odds-on choice. Foufa's Warrior beat the 1-5 favorite in a stretch-long battle that decided the \$75,000 stakes.

Cherokee's Boy took the lead at the start but Foufa's Warrior and Steve Hamilton kept close to the favorite. The two hooked up and ran to the line inseparably. Foufa's Warrior finally edged away by a half-length. Irish Colony finished third.

"It scratched down to a five-horse field which is always good," said Larry Murray, who trains Foufa's Warrior for owner/breeders Sondra and Howard Bender. "I thought Cherokee's Boy would be tough to get by, but I couldn't not run Foufa because he was doing so well. I just had to run him.

"There was no speed in the race, and I told Stevie we can't let [Cherokee's Boy] steal away or he would dictate the whole thing," Murray said. "It was a great race. They were both dead game. They gave the fans something to watch. This year has been so bad with grass horses, and this guy doesn't do anything bad on it, so it was worth the shot. I knew he's game and I knew he would get the trip."

Foufa's Warrior, a son of Jade Hunter (of Azeri fame), won the 2002 Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes and finished seventh in last year's Preakness. Murray has



True Sensation captured the All Brandy Stakes after it was switched from grass to mud. "She'll run either way, dirt or turf," said trainer Hamilton Smith.



Sondra and Howard Bender's homebred Foufa's Warrior outdueled heavily favored Cherokee's Boy to take title to the Find Handicap.

kept him on the grass for seven of his last nine races, in one of which, Delaware Park's Kent Breeders' Cup Stakes-G3, he set a new course record.

Maryland racing said goodbye to a legend when **John Passero** and the Maryland Jockey Club parted company this summer.

Passero, 62, came to work at Pimlico/Laurel in 1987 as track

superintendent, and in recent years was senior vice-president in charge of backstretches as well as racing surfaces.

He earned widespread respect from horsemen for his ability to keep the track open in all sorts of weather, a skill that earned him the unofficial title of "Miracle Worker."

Passero was to receive the Maryland Racing Media

Association's achievement award at the MRMA crabfeast on October 15.

The Athens Olympics cast a spotlight on Maryland racing, in a roundabout way. The Baltimore *Sun* carried a feature article, with an Athens dateline, on gold medal-winning swimmer Michael Phelps's coach **Bob Bowman** and his fascination with Thoroughbreds.

"Bowman... gets more passionate talking about renowned trainers like [Bob] Baffert and Bill Boniface than any swim legend," wrote *Sun* staffer Paul McMullen.

Bowman, 39, developed an interest in horses while working at a swim club in California with legendary coach Paul Bergen. The pool was next to a stable. "Bob and I are better observers of swimmers because we had to be observant of horses," said Bergen.

Bowman owns eight horses in partnership with Towson (Md.) attorney Frank Morgan—three broodmares, two weanlings, a yearling and two 3-year-olds—all boarded at the Boniface family's Bonita Farm in Darlington, Md. He has been a Bonita client for seven years. In June, Bowman attended the Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling Show to watch his City Zip filly compete. The judge, Jonathan Sheppard, gave the filly acceptable marks, but did not select her for a medal... er, ribbon. ✱

DELAWARE PARK RESTORES RAIN-BATTERED TURF

LINDA DOUGHERTY

Trainer Tim Ritchey had a banner afternoon on August 14, saddling CJZ Racing Stable's Separato to victory in the \$100,000 Rivello Cup at Philadelphia Park, and Win More II Inc.'s **Mr Playboy** to a rousing score in an allowance event at his home base at Delaware Park.

Ridden by Clinton Potts, Mr Playboy covered six furlongs in 1:10.84 and won for fun as the favorite, zipping under the wire two lengths in front of the Dale Capuano-trained Dale's Prospect.

It was Mr Playboy's second career win from nine starts, and he's earned \$49,600. He

was a \$28,000 yearling purchase at the 2002 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale, and was bred in Maryland by Kerri Y. Ginn.

Jockey **Abel Castellano Jr.**, brother of top New York rider Javier Castellano, has been finding the winner's circle with regularity since making the

switch this year from Maryland to Delaware.

A 21-year-old native of Maracaibo, Venezuela, Castellano didn't start riding at Delaware until the first week of June, but was eighth in the standings, with 38 victories from 221 starts, through August 22.

"I think if you win races at Delaware, everybody knows," said Castellano. "If you do well here, you'll be noticed."

Castellano rode his first career winner in 1999 in his native country. Since then, he has ridden at Gulfstream Park, Churchill Downs, Fair Grounds, Keeneland, Calder and Oaklawn. Most recently, he had been riding on the Maryland circuit where in 2003 he tied for fifth in the standings with 118 winners. He won the Laurel Park fall meet riding title with 64 wins.

Turf racing was suspended for three weeks in August to allow the battered course



Abel Castellano Jr. switched his tack from Maryland to Delaware, where he quickly found success.

to recover and for repair and renovation. It resumed with the card of Saturday, August 21.

Racing secretary Sam Abbey said he intended to card at least two grass races daily until October 22, weather permitting.

"Because of the weather this year, we didn't have the oppor-



Helen Vanek, a top apprentice in Canada, is the only woman who regularly rides at Delaware.

tunity to race more," he said. "We've had 43 turf races so far, when last year at this time we had run 83. In 2002, when we had the drought, we had 140. We can water the course, but when it's raining like it has been this year, that's a problem."

For the last two years, **Helen Vanek** has the distinc-

tion of being Delaware Park's only regular female rider. While she only has 162 mounts and 14 winners, in contrast to that of leading rider Ramon Dominguez's 388 mounts and 114 wins (as of August 23), she has held her own on Delaware's Arabian racing circuit, winning six times from 48 starts.

A 27-year-old native of Toronto, Vanek has been riding since she was 3, and began her career as a jockey in 1996. She won the Sovereign Award as outstanding apprentice in 1998, dividing her time between Woodbine and Fort Erie. In 1998, she was Fort Erie's leading rider, only the second female jockey to win a major meet in Ontario (the first was Valerie Thompson in 1980).

After riding at Tampa Bay Downs each winter beginning in 1998, she decided to ride at Delaware Park full-time last year rather than return to Canada. ★

GOVERNOR SALUTES AGING HERO AT PENN NATIONAL

LINDA DOUGHERTY

Governor Ed Rendell was in the Penn National winner's circle on July 31 to extend his congratulations to owner/trainer Gaston Sandoval after **Rudirudy** won the \$50,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Handicap. Rudirudy prevailed by a length and a half in the five-furlong turf event, defeating the Flint Stites-trained entry of Hawkwatch and La Maquina.

It was Rudirudy's third appearance in the Governor's

Cup. With the \$30,000 first-place money, the 9-year-old gelding by Jolie's Halo boosted his career earnings to \$600,004.

Sandoval said that Rudirudy, whom he's owned and trained throughout his career, is getting better with age.

"He's just fine. . . doesn't have any aches or pains and really acts like a much younger horse," Sandoval said. "I don't even feed him or Sport d'Hiver [another Sandoval runner who is 11] any differently than my younger stock. I think the secret to Rudirudy's longevity is the fact that I turn him out every winter, and he does the majority of his racing on the turf."

Veteran reinsman Nick Santagata, based at Philadelphia Park, made the two-hour drive to Penn National a profitable

one the evening of August 6 when he piloted Daniel E. McGlothlin's **Desirable Moment** to victory in the \$50,000 Jenny Wade Handicap. The five-furlong dash for fillies and mares was contested on a turf course labeled yielding because of heavy rains earlier in the week.

Santagata took the Tim Hills-trained mare to the front at the three-sixteenths pole and held on gamely despite a desperate late charge from favored Nicole's Dream, who shipped from Chicago for the race for trainer Larry Rivelli. Hostility was third in the eight-horse field.

"I think five furlongs is about her limit," said Santagata of Desirable Moment. "But she runs that distance better than almost any horse you'll find. I could hear her [Nicole's

Dream] coming back there. I didn't have to see her. I knew she was there. I expected her to be there. My hope was that we had enough left to hold her off."

Defending Jenny Wade winner Tangier Sound stalked the speed early while racing three-wide and faded to sixth. She was attempting to win her second stakes in six days after scoring in the \$60,000 Klassy Briefcase on July 31 at Monmouth Park.

Desirable Moment, a 5-year-old daughter of Peteski bred by her owner, earned \$30,000 and increased her career record to eight wins, three seconds and one third from 18 starts with earnings of \$173,880.

"This horse showed me a lot," Santagata said. "I wouldn't mind riding her again."

AROUND THE OVALS

His name is a track announcer's nightmare, but the parimutuel price he paid on August 4 was a handicapper's dream. **On On On On On On** (that's six "Ons") rallied from far back in a six-furlong dash for \$5,000 maiden claimers over a sloppy surface to post a \$117.40 shocker. The 3-year-old son of Line In The Sand, owned and trained by Eric C. Levengood, covered the distance in 1:14.70.

Trainer Jonathan Sheppard and jockey Chip VanHassel lived up to their reputations as tops on turf when they combined to win the 25th running of the \$40,000 Capital City Handicap with William L. Pape's **Mixed Up** on August 20.

A 5-year-old Pennsylvania-bred son of Carnivalay—Oh Nonsense, by Oh Say, **Mixed Up** was never far off the early pace set by 13-year-old Sir Echo and jockey Thomas Clifton, then came off the rail to collar that foe in midstretch and draw off for a length and three-quarter victory as the favorite. Yo was third.

Mixed Up covered the mile and a sixteenth over a firm course in 1:42.49, and earned \$24,540.

Sir Echo, trained by John Zimmerman, was attempting to become the oldest stakes winner in Penn National history, but couldn't hold off **Mixed Up**'s late rally.

Thomas Clifton and **Emilio Flores** were locked in battle for the jockey title as of August 22. Clifton, with 519 mounts, had 108 victories, while Flores, with 733 mounts, was nipping at his heels with 102 victories. Far back behind the top pair was William Otero, with 86 wins from 564 starts.

Bruce Kravets held a comfortable 10-win cushion over **Harry Thompson**, 76-66, on the trainers' side, with John Zimmerman third with 58. ✱

WEST VIRGINIA DERBY-G3 PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON SIR SHACKLETON

The West Virginia Derby-G3, contested on August 7 at Mountaineer Park, just one day before Monmouth Park's \$1 million Haskell Invitational-G1 and the \$500,000 Jim Dandy Stakes-G2 at Saratoga, predictably drew the most modest field of the three.

At day's end, however, Mountaineer Park management could be assured that its \$600,000 purse had brought a pretty terrific horse—namely, Sir Shackleton—to the northernmost tip of West Virginia.

Trained by Nick Zito, the flashy chestnut finished three lengths to the good of the popular, steady colt Pollard's Vision. It took 1:49.16 for Sir Shackleton to handle the mile and an eighth, far from the track record set by Soto in last year's West Virginia Derby, but more than respectable over a surface that played to non-spectacular times for most of the afternoon.

Sir Shackleton and Pollard's Vision, who left the gate at odds of 6-5 and 13-10 respectively, were the lone graded winners in the seven-horse field. Each had been regarded as Triple Crown material early this year. Todd Pletcher-trained Pollard's Vision punched his ticket to the Kentucky Derby with a wire-to-wire tally in the Illinois Derby-G2, but he drew a bad post position (15) for the Run for the Roses and wound up finishing ahead of just one rival in the 18-horse field.

Sir Shackleton, who broke his maiden in March, progressed rapidly, winning an allowance race at Keeneland

and then the Derby Trial-G3 at Churchill Downs. Zito, who'd begun the year with three of the hottest Triple Crown prospects in training—Birdstone, Eurosilver and The Cliff's Edge—found himself light on bullets by the time the Preakness Stakes rolled around, so the lightly raced, speedy Sir Shackleton was sent to Baltimore to take on Smarty Jones. He finished sixth, a country mile behind the winner, though less than a first down marker from the others, who included Rock Hard Ten, Eddington and Lion Heart.

Both Sir Shackleton and Pollard's Vision had a break after their Triple Crown tries. Five weeks after the Kentucky Derby, Pollard's Vision returned to competition with a second-place finish in the Ohio Derby-G2, then won the Leonard Richards Stakes-G3 over a small field that included a fast Louisiana shipper named Britt's Jules.

Sir Shackleton did not return to the races for two months, and when he did the Zito charge wound up chasing Medallist every step of the way in the mile and a sixteenth Dwyer Stakes-G2 at Belmont Park.

In defeating him in the Dwyer, Medallist probably did Sir Shackleton a world of good. In his previous five starts, Zito's charge was a pace-pusher. If jockey Rafael Bejarano had allowed Sir Shackleton to press Medallist early in the Dwyer, both horses would have likely been roasted. As it was, Medallist blasted through splits of :44.45 and

1:07.96 in that race. Bejarano had no choice but to collect his horse and wait, and wound up saving enough of Sir Shackleton that the horse stayed on well in the stretch. He finished just behind his top-class stablemate, The Cliff's Edge, for the place spot.

It was this strategy that won Sir Shackleton West Virginia's richest race.

Britt's Jules, a \$1,500 yearling who had already made a mini-fortune racing for slots-enriched purses in Louisiana and Delaware, figured to grab the lead early on in the Derby, and this is precisely the way the race unfolded. With jockey Corey Lanerie letting the gray gelding wring himself free of the others early on, Britt's Jules stepped through smart early fractions of :23.28 and :47.14.

After six furlongs were completed in 1:10.68, Pollard's Vision and jockey Eibar Coa were ready to improve on their fortunes. They moved three-wide, slipping around Avid Skier and Mister Fotis, while Sir Shackleton lagged a couple of lengths behind and, for a moment, seemed to simply be chasing horse tails. With Britt's Jules increasing his lead around the far turn, Pollard's Vision stayed wide and shook free of Avid Skier and Mister Fotis.

Sir Shackleton picked it up, bounding past these faders as well, and deftly moving to the inside. Britt's Jules, tiring and three paths out nearing the eighth pole, was no match for a rocketing, rail-skimming Sir Shackleton. Pollard's Vision, closing less spectacularly, col-

lared Britt's Jules for the place spot a couple of strides before the finish.

"[Sir Shackleton] laid back better this time," said the Peruvian-born Bejarano, who added to his national-leading victory total with three wins on the afternoon. "He stayed in the back and he felt good under me. He is a nice, nice horse, getting better all the time."

Zito sent assistant trainer Tim Poole to saddle Sir Shackleton for the West Virginia Derby, but the horse's owner, Tracy Farmer, was on hand to witness the victory.

"Isn't it beautiful here?" Farmer said from the winner's circle, gesturing in the direction of the summer-green mountains beyond the track. "A beautiful day, a beautiful race."

TRACK RECORD BRILLIANCE

Mountaineer's Derby card was contested under a teal-colored sky, and a 70-degree temperature that suggested autumn was already just a furlong or two away.

The nine-race card was a holiday from the usual fare of claiming events, featuring six other stakes races, including five \$85,000 tilts as well as the \$100,000 West Virginia Governor's Handicap, which was won by Rafael Bejarano-ridden Wiggins.

Exiting a second-place finish in Arlington's Black Tie Affair Handicap, Wiggins swiped the Governor's Handicap in handy fashion by four lengths over Ask the Lord and Cherokee's Boy.

Ameri Brilliance, a 5-year-old Maryland-bred trained by Ben Feliciano, set a track record earlier in the day in winning the West Virginia Legislature Chairman's Cup by a length and a half over 1-2 favorite Danieltown. Ameri Brilliance, a gelded son of Ameri Valay



Sir Shackleton found his place on the rail and surged to victory over Pollard's Vision in West Virginia's richest Thoroughbred contest, the \$600,000 West Virginia Derby-G3.

owned by Elaine Bassford, zapped the teletimer in :50.16 for the four and a half furlongs, a few decimal points quicker than the late Baby Shark, also trained by Feliciano, did in the same race last year.

Other black-type winners on the card were **Put Me In** (West Virginia Secretary of State), **Gin and Sin** (House of Delegates Speaker's Cup), **Lady of the Future** (West Virginia Senate President's Cup) and **Eavesdropper** (Harvey Arneault Memorial Handicap).

NOTES

Mountaineer also featured an allowance race named for the late turf writer and Beyer speed figure analyst Glen Gallivan.

Gallivan, who battled multiple sclerosis throughout his short life of 29 years, compiled speed figures for Mountaineer as well as dozens of other tracks.



Elaine Bassford's Ameri Brilliance (outside) set a four and a half-furlong track record (:50.16) in the West Virginia Legislature Chairman's Cup.

The announced attendance on Derby Day was 16,256, up slightly from last year. The figure was determined by car counters and included attendance at the resort's hotel and casino. On-track handle was modest, approximately \$300,000, while the all-source

handle was considerably greater at \$2.5 million.

"We might add another \$150,000 to the purse of the Derby next year," said Mountaineer track president Ted Arneault. "Help keep us up with the big guys."

/Andy Plattner

AROUND THE OVALS

CHARLES TOWN TRACK REOPENS AFTER MAJOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

JEFF GILLEAS

Racing at Charles Town had a temporary hiatus during August, while multimillion-dollar renovations were performed on the racing surface, base, turns, mezzanine and lighting.

Following is a recap of some of the significant events leading up to the construction downtime.

The first six months of this year ended with no surprises, as a familiar name led the trainers' standings, **Ronney W. Brown**. The "Gentle Giant" was Charles Town's leading trainer

in 2001, 2002 and 2003, and so far this year rates a short-priced favorite to defend his title.

Brown, operating from his command post, Barn 17, continues to elicit strong responses from reasonably priced purchases. The 42-year-old Frederick, Md., native maintains nearly 50 horses, with a crew of 20.

Brown's competitive nature is the driving force behind his success. Cruise by his box seat at the track any night, and you will see a man ecstatic in victory and hard to console in defeat.

Nationally leading owner **Michael Gill** is finding a lucrative environment at Charles Town. Gill's horses are usually over-bet due to his reputation and the fact that he is not afraid to drop horses appreciably in class to win.

Gill has not unleashed his immense resources at the claim box yet. He seems content to ship in with runners he has procured from as far away as California and Florida. Local trainers to date have treaded lightly in going after his charges.

"Show me the money" continues to be the mantra of many Charles Town horsemen, as record numbers bivouac outside the claim box, hoping to be a lucky participant in the claiming lottery.

Horses are like free agents selling their wares on the open market to the highest bidder.

Consistency, hardiness and conditions seem to be traits preferred in the claiming wars. Handicappers are finding the caveat emptor economic attitude difficult to factor into their judgments when making selections. As horses are exchanged from barn to barn they face a diversity of training techniques, feed schedules, handlers, jockeys and blacksmiths, and the road to wagering success can be a winding one.

Women trainers continue to rank high in the standings. **Renee Schlesinger's** first-rate horsemanship with her small

stable is worthy of commendation. Schlesinger has been a rags-to-riches claiming trainer over the last few years. She is known for her quality care and hands-on style, and her work with bargain-priced horses is notorious.

On Sunday, August 1, the ninth race provided a prime example. **Tender Toes**, fresh from a powerhouse effort over \$5,000 claimers, overwhelmed a field of sprinters who appeared, on form, to be significantly more talented.

Tender Toes (by Storm Boot) is three-for-four under Schlesinger's tutelage. Time for the four and a half-furlong event was just three-fifths of a second shy of the track record, and he earned a spectacular 107 Beyer speed figure, equal to the best that week anywhere in the country.

Trainer **John Servis** was honored on July 1 by the Chamber of Commerce and the Charles Town Races and Slots for his extraordinary handling of Kentucky Derby/Preakness winner **Smarty Jones**.

Servis was born and raised in Jefferson County and spent his formative years fine-tuning his horsemanship on the Charles Town backstretch. He said it was nice to return home and see so many of his high school acquaintances, spend quality time with his parents, and just be a normal guy for a few hours. Servis spent the afternoon playing golf before enjoying a dinner compliments of the race track.

It was not all just fun and games though, as John shipped three horses in from his Philadelphia Park headquarters that night, and met two of them in the winner's circle, providing a special photo opportunity for those in attendance.

Trainer and high school buddy **Bill Berry** said, "You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't the country out of the boy." ★



The Charles Town HBPA Purse won by Moonlit Atlantic commemorated the track's reopening. John Finamore and Wayne Harrison (from left) made the presentation to owner Carol Weeks, trainer Michael Weeks and jockey Angel Quinones.



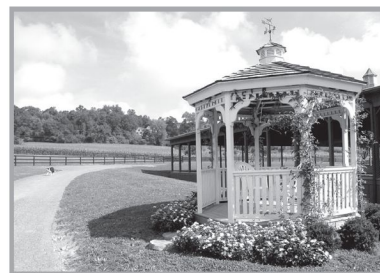
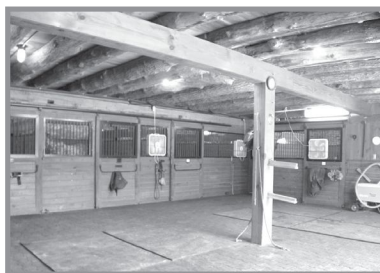
Taking part in ribbon-cutting ceremonies for Charles Town's reopening were (from left) Wayne Harrison, acting president of the local Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association; Al Hooper, president of the County Commissioners; and John Finamore, vice-president of regional operations for Penn National Gaming Inc.



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Basketball star Bobby Hurley keeps his eye on the prize

by Bill Finley

Bobby Hurley doesn't pretend that basketball is out of his system. Play the game for as long as he did, and as well as he did, and the feeling just doesn't go away that easily. But whatever chance he had to continue what had been a fantasy life—scrappy, smallish kid out of Jersey City, N.J., becomes one of college basketball's biggest stars while at Duke and goes on to be a first-round NBA draft pick—ended in a horrific car crash on December 12, 1993, during his rookie year with the Sacramento Kings.

Hurley, who suffered a crushed trachea, two collapsed lungs and multiple fractures as a result of the accident, made it back to the NBA, but he was never again the same. He played for the last time during the 1997 and '98 season.

Then he went looking for a way to fuel his competitive juices. The answer: horse racing.

"In a sense, I've taken a lot of my competitiveness and moved it into this area," said Hurley, who is involved as a

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breeder and owner and bases his horses with trainer John Dowd at Philadelphia Park. "This is a lot more frustrating than basketball because you don't win that often. But you are competing against other people, when you race or when you're purchasing horses at the sales. Even though I'm not the trainer, I play a big role. I am very involved with the sales and with the breeding and that's been very exciting. So is having (2001 Fountain of Youth Stakes-G1 winner) Songandaprayer and some of his progeny and seeing them get ready."

Hurley had been a racing fan for years, hanging out at the Jersey tracks. He still had a good chunk of the money he earned from his basketball career (he signed a six-year \$16.5 million contract with Sacramento after being drafted seventh overall in 1993), and his endorsement

contracts, and he had plenty of time on his hands after he played his last NBA game. So he jumped into racing—in a big way. Among the first horses he bought was Songandaprayer, who cost him \$1 million at the 2000 Fasig-Tipton Florida Selected Two-Year-Olds Sale at Calder.

It was a brash thing to do, particularly for a racing neophyte, and he admits his wife, Leslie, was none too happy he had spent so much money on a horse. But in Songandaprayer he envisioned a star.

"From going to the sales, I saw the kind of athleticism that this colt has," he said just before Songandaprayer made his career debut, a half-length win in a Monmouth maiden special weight. "I think it's something that's easier for me to pick up because of my athletic background. I can tell that some horses move easier than

others, and are more athletic than others."

Songandaprayer didn't earn his \$1 million back on the race track, but neither was he a flop. Far from it. He won the Fountain of Youth, was second in the Grade 1 Blue Grass Stakes, and made it to the Kentucky Derby, where he finished 13th after setting the pace through impossibly fast fractions. Hurley has since sold a 40 percent interest in Songandaprayer as a stallion prospect and is optimistic that the horse, standing at Marablu Farm in Reddick, Fla., will be the cornerstone of his racing operation for years to come. Songandaprayer's first 2-year-old crop will come to the races next year.

"We are very excited about him," he said. "His babies have sold well and they all seem to look good. People have liked what they see."



Hurley had some other early successes. He won the Sapling Stakes-G3 in 2000 with Shooter, and campaigned a quality mare named Astrid, who won stakes at Monmouth and Philadelphia Park.

Dowd said Hurley's success has not been an accident. He is a hands-on owner who devotes hours of his time to studying pedigrees and analyzing tapes of horses about to go through the sales ring.

"He's developed a great eye when watching young horses breeze," Dowd said. "It's not just how fast they go, but how athletic they are. He can really pick out the good athletes versus the bad movers."

"John and I complement each other pretty well," Hurley said. "He picks out the conformation flaws that I might not see, and I look at a horse and see how he moves and gain a sense of what kind of athlete he is. I'm also looking for a sense of presence, something to show me that the horse might have some class."

Hurley has ownership stakes in about 38 horses, including Songandaprayer, broodmares and yearlings. He also expanded beyond his Devil Eleven Stable (a name derived from his Duke Blue Devils jersey number) and has partnered with Dowd and Lexington, Ky.-based bloodstock agent Jack Goldthorpe to form Derby Dreams Stable. Derby Dreams is a syndicate designed to attract high-profile owners interested in purchasing well-bred, expensive sales horses for whom the dream may become reality.

"I'm chasing the same things everyone is chasing in this sport," Hurley said. "The bar is always so high. People are in this game to win races like the Kentucky Derby or a Breeders' Cup race or any other high-quality race. Those are the sorts of horses we are trying to get into our barn."

So what does he like better, horse racing or basketball?

"It depends on what day you ask me that question," he said. "That's the way I was with basketball. I always got a reaction from whatever I did. Whether it was a victory or a defeat, I always felt the same way and it was a strong reaction. It's the same way with racing. If I win, I'm very excited. If I lose, I'm very disappointed."

So maybe there is no definitive answer to that question, but it's obvious that Hurley, 33, wants back into basketball in the worst way. He campaigned for the head coaching job at Columbia University and made similar overtures when the job opened up at Marist College. He was passed over at both places. While some see a smart former player who learned under his father, high school coaching great Bob Hurley Sr., and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, others see someone who has no coaching experience. His

younger brother, Danny, is also a successful high school coach in New Jersey.

"I'm talking to people in basketball circles right now," he said. "I'm trying to reintroduce myself and make new relationships. It's a process and I'll just have to see how it plays out."

Waiting for a coaching job, he has accepted a job as a scout with the Philadelphia 76ers.

He says managing that and his racing interests hasn't been a problem, but he's not interested right now in seeing his Thoroughbred operation grow. Should Hurley land a coaching job, he won't get out of racing. He'll just rely a little more on Dowd and others who are a big part of his team. In the meantime, his focus is on the game and winning, just like it was when he wore a Duke uniform and was the best point guard in the NCAA. ★

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GREAT NOTION TO NORTHVIEW STALLION STATION

Great Notion, a stakes-winning sprinter by this year's leading sire Elusive Quality, has been retired and will stand his first season at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., in 2005. Currently being syndicated, 4-year-old Great Notion will stand for \$3,500 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses.

With a pedigree emblazoned with speed, Great Notion demonstrated his ability at shorter distances, winning three starts at 2 and 3, each at a mile or less, while setting every fraction. He broke his maiden first time out, getting six furlongs in 1:09.94 at Churchill Downs. In his only other start at 2, he won a six and a half-furlong allowance at Turfway Park by eight and a half lengths.

During his 3-year-old season, Great Notion faced many

of the best sprinters of his generation. His most impressive effort came in the Grade 1 King's Bishop Stakes at Saratoga where, after showing the way throughout the seven-furlong test, he was caught at the wire by Valid Video. Crossing the line behind him were Grade 1 winner Ghostzapper and graded stakes winners During, Posse, Eye Of the Tiger, Zavata, Scrimshaw, Halo Homewrecker and Awesome Time. Final time was 1:22.14.

Earlier in the season, Great Notion captured Oaklawn Park's one-mile Southwest Stakes, defeating graded stakes winner and Group 1-placed sprinter Alke by nine lengths. He accounted for three additional second-place finishes—to Zavata in the Grade 2 Amsterdam Stakes at six furlongs, while defeating Grade 1 winner Trust n Luck; a nose defeat by



Stakes-winning sprinter Great Notion (right) led every step but the last in Saratoga's seven-furlong Grade 1 King's Bishop Stakes, missing by a nose to Valid Video.

Champali in the six and a half-furlong Turfway Prevue Stakes at Turfway Park; and, in his first attempt beyond a mile, a second to Crowned King in the Rebel Stakes, while defeating Comic Truth, Sir Cherokee and Alke.

Great Notion retires with a record of three wins and four seconds from 12 starts, and earnings of \$194,608.

By one of the hottest sires in the country—Gone West's son Elusive Quality, renowned as the sire of Smarty Jones—Great Notion is out of the Dayjur mare Evening Primrose,

who has also produced Group 3-placed juvenile Chester Le Street.

Great Notion's second dam was graded stakes winner Water Lily (Fr), a daughter of classic winner and leading sire Riverman. Water Lily, the dam of Grade 1 winner Talinum, is also found in the pedigrees of champion sprinter Waquas and group winners Simeon (GB) and Noble Rose (Ire).

First Bloom, Great Notion's third dam, was a champion at 2 in France. Her descendants include Australasian horse of the year and top sire Jeune.

GOLD I. D. READY FOR NEW SEASON

Stakes winner and multiple graded stakes-placed Gold I. D., who entered stud late in the 2004 breeding season, is set to stand his first full season in 2005 at November Hill Farm in Dublin, Pa. The syndicated 5-year-old son of Caller I. D. is offered for \$1,000 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses, with special consideration to approved mares.

Gold I. D. won or placed in 14 of 20 starts over three

seasons, earning \$157,295. He broke his maiden in his only start at 2 at Calder, setting all the fractions in the four and a half-furlong maiden special weight.

Gold I. D. returned at 3 and proceeded to string together a four-race win streak at Rockingham Park. When stepped up to stakes company, he won or placed six times, including a score in the Meadowlands' Matt Scudder Stakes, getting

six furlongs over a sloppy track in 1:08.97 while winning by four lengths.

Gold I. D. was third in the three Grade 3 sprints at Aqueduct—the six-furlong Gravesend Handicap to Multiple Choice and Sing Me Back Home; the six-furlong Fall Highweight Handicap to True Direction and Crossing Point; and the seven-furlong Sport Page Handicap, in which he was awarded third place behind Multiple Choice and Bowman's Band. Additional stakes placings included a second in his stakes debut at Rockingham in the Manchester Handicap and a third in Suffolk Downs' Private Terms Stakes.

In one of his best performances, Gold I. D. finished

second by a half-length in an allowance over Aqueduct's inner dirt track to Captain Red, who set a new track record of 1:07.93 for six furlongs. Also in the field were multimillionaires Affirmed Success and Say Florida Sandy and graded stakes winner Esteemed Friend.

Gold I. D. is one of four stakes horses from seven foals to race out of the winning Red Ryder mare Prissy Gold Digger, who also produced stakes winners Say How You Feel and Faithful City and stakes-placed Hot Affair.

Gold I. D.'s second dam, La Deception, is by Smarten. His third dam is stakes winner and Canadian classic-placed Snow Game.

FIRST FOR CLOSE UP LENGTHS THE BEST

Joey P., a 2-year-old gelding from the first crop of New Jersey sire Close Up, made his first start a winning one on August 18 at Monmouth Park. Setting the pace in the five and a half-furlong maiden special weight for New Jersey-breds, he drew off to win by six and a quarter lengths and notched the first win for his sire.

John Petrini's homebred, sent out by trainer Frank Costa,

posted fractions of :22.23, :46.58 and :58.88 before stopping the clock in 1:05.30. Out of the Luckey Jin Beau mare Luckey Lipco, Joey P. earned \$27,600 in his initial start.

Close Up, a son of Capote standing at C & R Horse Farm in Milmay, N.J., has 14 foals in his first crop. Owned by Carlo DeThomasi, Close Up entered stud in 2001 after an abbreviated career of two wins from

four starts over three seasons. Close Up broke his maiden in his only start at 2, going five furlongs at Belmont Park, and was second in his only 3-year-old start. He completed his career with a four and three-quarter-length victory in a one-mile race at Meadowlands at 4.

"The horse has speed all over," says De Thomasi. "The way New Jersey races are run, you need speed to compete. I think he'll be a leading sire in the state."

Close Up is by one of Seattle Slew's top sons at stud, champion and Breeders' Cup winner Capote, out of Video Piano (by Fappiano), a winner of \$50,851.

Video Piano also has produced Japanese group winner Eishin Tsurugizan (Jpn), an earner of \$1,016,151 who was second in the NHK Mile Cup-G1, and \$182,284-earner Linus.

Top handicap mare Videogenic is Close Up's second dam. A two-time Grade 1 winner and millionaire, Videogenic won or placed in 24 stakes, 19 of them graded. Out of stakes-placed Video Babe, Videogenic is a half-sister to the dam of King's Bishop Stakes-G1 winner Valid Video.

Close Up will stand the 2005 season for \$1,500 live foal.

First winners

CLOSE UP, b., 1996, by Capote—Video Piano, by Fappiano; C & R Horse Farm, P.O. Box 63, Milmay, N.J. 08340, (609) 476-4349, fax 476-3786, cell phone (609) 501-6224. \$1,500 live foal.

JOEY P., g.02, out of Luckey Lipco, by Luckey Jin Beau. Monmouth Park, Aug. 18, msw, 5½ fur. B/O-John Petrini (N.J.). Value to winner \$27,600.

CROWD PLEASER, dk.b./br., 1995, by A.P. Indy—Creaking Board (GB), by Night Shift; Northview Stallion Station, P.O. Box 89, 55 Northern Dancer Dr., Chesapeake City, Md. 21915. (410) 885-2855, fax 885-5985; e-mail: info@northviewstallions.com; www.northviewstallions.com. \$3,500 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses.

ASSEMBLYMAN, c.02, out of Kiffi, by Kris S. Timonium, Sept. 1, msw, 1 mi. B-Northview Stallion Station Inc. (Md.); O-Great Lake Stable. Value to winner \$11,970.

REPARATIONS, ch., 1996, by Forty Niner—Versailles Treaty, by Danzig; Joe Painter at Blue Spruce Farm, 495 Wiltshire Rd., Kearneysville, W.Va. 25430. (334) 663-6695, (304) 728-4094, fax (304) 724-5276; e-mail: bluespringfarm@frontiernet.net. \$1,000 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses.

MAGISTERIUM, g.02, out of Captivating Cane, by Dispersal. Woodbine, Aug. 20, M50000, 5½ fur. B-Lake Weir High FFA (Fla.); O-Heavenly Herim. Value to winner \$20,580.

Stallions new to region

GREAT NOTION, b., 2000, by Elusive Quality—Evening Primrose, by Dayjur. SW, 3 wins, \$194,608. Syndicate at Northview Stallion Station, P.O. Box 89, 55 Northern Dancer Dr., Chesapeake City, Md. 21915. (410) 885-2855, fax 885-5985; e-mail: info@northviewstallions.com; www.northviewstallions.com. \$3,500 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses. Stands first season in 2005.

GOLD I. D., b., 1999, by Caller I. D.—Prissy Gold Digger, by Red Ryder. SW, 6 wins, \$157,295. Syndicate at November Hill Farms, P.O. Box 254, Dublin, Pa. 18917. Phone/fax (215) 249-2263;

(267) 736-5325 (cell). \$1,000 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses, special consideration to approved mares. Test bred in 2004. Stands first full season in 2005.

MARCO BAY, b., 1990, by Copelan—Marimascus, by Bailjumper. MSW, 3 wins, \$245,510. Jay Shaw and Peter Hoey at Ballyvaughan, Mt. Pleasant Rd., Oxford, Pa. 19363. (484) 875-3170, fax (484) 875-9273, www.ballyvaughan.com; J. Shaw (212) 355-1370. \$3,000 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses. Sire of 60 foals, 30 starters, 22 winners, 1 SW, \$1,662,391.

CROWD PLEASER AT THE FAIR

The first winner for freshman sire Crowd Pleaser put on a dominating display before fairgoers at Timonium on September 1. The 2-year-old colt Assemblyman was in front throughout the one-mile race going around three turns, before drawing off to win by five lengths. Bred in Maryland by Northview Stallion Station Inc., Assemblyman is owned by Great Lake Stable and trained by Timothy Salzman. He is the first foal out of the winning Kris S. mare Kiffi.

Crowd Pleaser entered stud at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., after a sparkling career during which he campaigned for four years, winning nine of 24 starts, winning or placing in eight stakes, and earning \$605,150.

Among the top 3-year-old turf runners of 1998, Crowd Pleaser captured the Grade 3 Saranac Handicap at Saratoga by four lengths to kick off a three-race stakes-winning streak. In his next outing, he set a new course record of

2:00½ for a mile and a quarter in taking the inaugural running of the Virginia Derby, and followed up with a victory in the Calder Derby. His combined winning margin for the three races was nine and a quarter lengths.

A stakes winner at 2 on the main track, Crowd Pleaser concluded his career at 5 with a victory in Keeneland's Sycamore Stakes.

By Horse of the Year and leading sire A.P. Indy, Crowd Pleaser is out of Grade 1-winning juvenile Creaking Board (GB). A daughter of the Northern Dancer sire Night Shift, Creaking Board is a full sister to German highweighted sprinter Dyhim Diamond (Ire) and German classic winner Dakhla Oasis and a half-sister to stakes winner Santenay and two stakes-placed runners, stakes producer Three Greens (GB) and Mary the Best.

Crowd Pleaser is represented by 54 named 2-year-olds. He stood the 2004 season for \$3,500 live foal.

MARCO BAY IN PENNSYLVANIA



Jay Shaw and Peter Hoey's homebred multiple stakes winner Marco Bay has moved from Florida to Ballyvaughan in Oxford, Pa., for the 2005 breeding season. The 14-

year-old stallion will stand for \$3,000 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses.

By top juvenile runner and leading Florida sire Copelan, Marco Bay is out of Mari-

mascus, a Bailjumper mare campaigned by Shaw to win two stakes, place in the Grade 3 Beaugay Handicap, and earn \$138,989. Marimascus's first foal was Marco Bay.

Highly regarded at a young age, Marco Bay made his first start at 2 in Monmouth Park's Tyro Stakes, where he finished third to top sprinters Wild Zone and Great Navigator at five and a half furlongs on the main track. He broke his maiden in March of his 3-year-old season in a stakes race, when capturing the Sam F. Davis Breeders' Cup Stakes at a mile and a sixteenth at Tampa Bay Downs. Two weeks later, he won again by taking the \$150,000 Tampa Bay Derby, also at a mile and a sixteenth and just a second off the track record.

Before concluding his career at age 5, Marco Bay would add a victory in Atlantic City's Kelly Olympic Breeders' Cup Handicap, in which he set a new course record of 1:46½ for a mile and an eighth. He also finished second in the John Henry Stakes at Meadowlands and Caesar Rodney Stakes at

Delaware Park, and third in the Grade 3 Oceanport Handicap at Monmouth, all on the turf. In one of his most impressive performances, he made the lead heading into the far turn in the 1994 Caesars International Handicap-G1 at Atlantic City while in a battle with eventual winner Lure, and finished fourth, beaten three lengths. He retired with three wins, four seconds and four thirds from 27 starts, for earnings of \$245,510.

Marco Bay has six modest-sized crops of racing age, with 73 percent winners/starters (22/30). His leading runner is the filly Bay Street Gal, who won or placed in eight stakes, earning \$359,332. Marco Bay is also the sire of 2004 stakes-placed runners Marco's Word (\$320,605) and Ginas Girl. His runners have earned more than \$1.6 million, and he ranks as the top Pennsylvania-based sire (10 or more starters) by average earnings per starter with \$55,413. Over the past two years, his 2-year-old sales horses have sold for an average of \$20,750.

REPARATIONS OFF TO QUICK START

Magisterium, the first runner from the first crop of Reparations, who stands at Blue Spruce Farm in Kearneysville, W.Va., made his debut a winning one on August 20 at Woodbine.

The 2-year-old chestnut gelding broke sharply and led throughout the five and a half-furlong maiden event, setting fractions of :22.12, :45.57 and :58.21 before pulling away to a six and three-quarter-length score. His final time was 1:05.10. Trained by Donald MacRae for Heavenly Herim,

Magisterium earned \$20,580 in recording his first victory.

Out of the Dispersal mare Captivating Cane, Magisterium was bred in Florida by Lake Weir High FFA.

Reparations stood his first two seasons at stud in Florida before Joe and Kate Painter purchased and moved him to their new farm in West Virginia in 2003. The beautifully bred 8-year-old stallion has 15 foals in his first crop.

An allowance-winning son of champion juvenile Forty Niner, whose reputation

is growing as a sire of sires, Reparations is out of four-time Grade 1-winning Versailles Treaty, by Danzig. Reparations is a half-brother to \$595,250-earner Saarland, winner of the Remsen Stakes-G2 at 2 who placed in five graded stakes, including a second in the Metropolitan Handicap-G1.

Versailles Treaty amassed \$1,271,154 during her career in which she won the Alabama Stakes-G1, Ruffian Handicap-G1, Test Stakes-G1, Gazelle Handicap-G1 and Molly Pitcher Handicap-G2, and placed in 10 additional added-money races, eight of them Grade 1, including consecutive second-place finishes in the Breeders' Cup Distaff Stakes-G1. Versailles Treaty is a half-sister to stakes winners On Retainer and

For Kicks, and to Grade 1-placed Arabian Dancer, dam of graded stakes winners Lead Kindly Light (dam of NYRA Mile Handicap-G1 winner Gold Fever and stakes winner Emanating) and sire Out of Place.

Reparations's second dam is multiple graded stakes-placed Ten Cents a Dance (by Buckpasser); his third dam is Native Dancer's stakes-winning daughter Exclusive Dancer. The family includes leading sire Exclusive Native, millionaire Chief Honcho and Travers Stakes-G1 winner General Assembly.

Reparations stands for \$1,000 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses.

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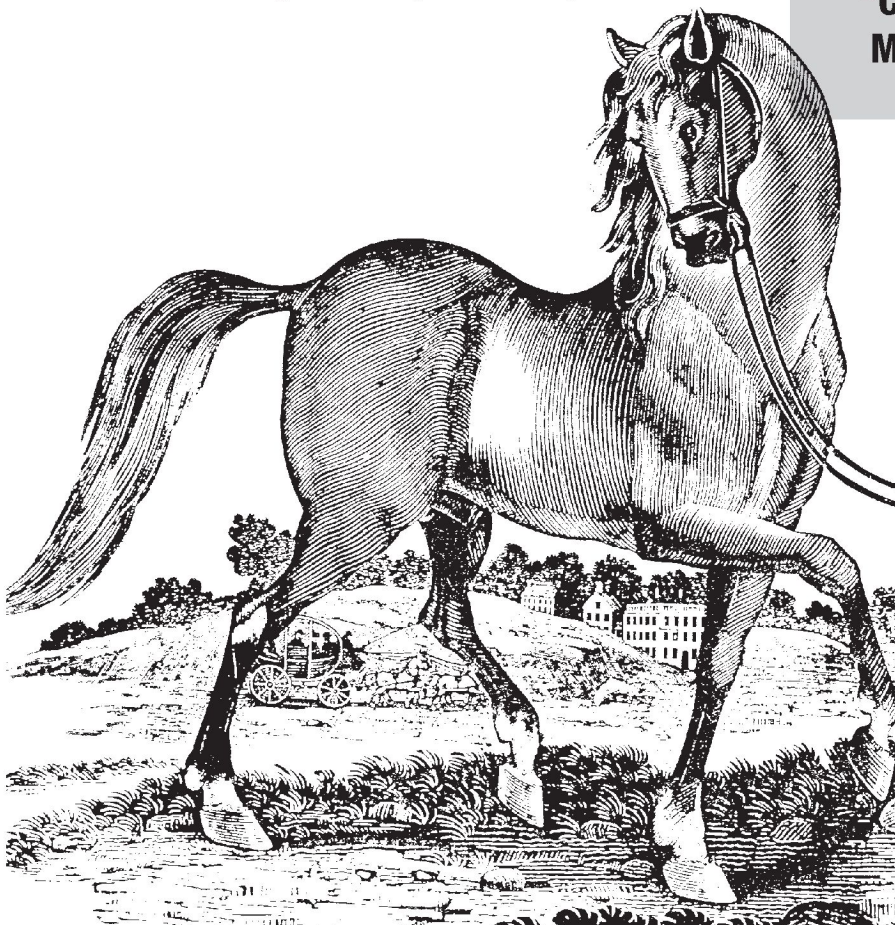
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Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2004

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. These statistics were supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS). Exact date is at the discretion of BRIS. †Denotes freshman sire. The following statistics, compiled on September 14, reflect 2004 earnings from the following countries—Canada, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Puerto Rico, U.A.E. and the U.S. Statistics from Australia, Japan, Hong Kong and countries in South America are not included.

	Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Whrs./Runners	Avg./Runner
1. Not For Love (Md)	333	161	833	84	143	Love of Money (\$513,000)	\$4,053,050	52	\$25,174
2. Allen's Prospect (deceased)	911	168	923	77	111	Ribbon Cane (\$119,160)	2,223,600	46	13,236
3. Polish Numbers (deceased)	483	123	585	56	81	Chrusciki (\$152,970)	2,043,110	46	16,611
4. Two Punch (Md)	712	125	633	53	90	Bronze Abe (\$214,900)	2,010,910	42	16,087
5. Louis Quatorze (Md)	286	122	582	46	74	Choctaw Nation (\$301,800)	1,872,500	38	15,348
6. Defrere (NJ)	273	114	590	56	98	Souris (\$107,945)	1,805,310	49	15,836
7. Patton (Pa)	257	113	684	59	93	Yessirgeneralsir (\$278,250)	1,648,740	52	14,591
8. Partner's Hero (Md)	144	81	473	40	62	Seventeen Above (\$88,420)	1,241,850	49	15,331
9. Citidancer (Md)	301	72	388	35	58	Cherokee's Boy (\$128,290)	1,186,470	49	16,479
10. Explosive Red (WV)	261	89	570	44	71	Boomzeeboom (\$162,276)	1,115,600	49	12,535
11. Appealing Skier (Md)	137	73	433	41	65	Avid Skier (\$103,751)	1,102,960	56	15,109
12. Banker's Gold (Pa)	149	78	453	37	62	Lukelynn (\$60,338)	1,100,120	47	14,104
13. Go for Gin (Md)	210	69	386	28	51	Cologne (\$199,970)	1,080,040	41	15,653
14. Cat's Career (Pa)	218	94	499	44	74	Cayenne Red (\$105,458)	1,003,040	47	10,671
15. Prospect Bay (Va)	203	78	451	40	58	On the Game (\$56,700)	987,828	51	12,664
16. Waquoit (Md)	492	67	355	26	42	Water Cannon (\$142,500)	925,808	39	13,818
17. Outflanker (Md)	121	55	309	35	55	Outstanding Lady (\$107,192)	893,646	64	16,248
18. Eastern Echo (Md)	399	75	438	38	57	Lady of the Future (\$148,129)	891,185	51	11,882
19. Carnivalay (pensioned)	577	73	433	31	50	Aggadan (\$70,771)	862,037	42	11,809
20. Caller I. D. (Pa)	401	90	476	34	52	Rollicking Caller (\$100,368)	845,707	38	9,397
21. Housebuster (Va)	385	39	264	21	40	Bahamian Pirate (\$271,955)	783,600	54	20,092
22. Private Interview (NJ)	105	49	273	18	27	John's Interview (\$94,299)	770,632	37	15,727
23. Norquestor (deceased)	339	51	282	21	40	Nortouch (\$72,090)	766,246	41	15,024
24. Way West (Fr) (WV)	212	72	385	37	64	Flamethrowintexan (\$149,913)	752,326	51	10,449
25. Lil's Lad (Pa)	101	49	271	25	36	Irish Laddie (\$70,030)	745,899	51	15,222
26. Roanoke (Pa)	368	62	463	29	48	Preemptive Strike (\$82,688)	705,277	47	11,375
27. Larrupin' (Md)	102	46	281	27	37	Pud (\$84,980)	702,819	59	15,279
28. Ponche (Pa)	100	47	294	19	32	P. J.'s Paulie Boy (\$125,086)	671,658	40	14,291
29. Yarrow Brae (Md)	107	45	249	21	33	Stepit (\$59,010)	652,659	47	14,504
30. Northern Idol (deceased)	115	36	195	16	22	Totally Precious (\$125,020)	642,313	44	17,842
31. Diamond (Md)	93	41	211	19	27	Thiruvengadam (\$84,900)	627,727	46	15,310
32. Black Tie Affair (Ire) (Va)	613	32	226	18	26	Evening Attire (\$317,020)	617,338	56	19,292
33. Secret Hello (deceased)	273	53	279	19	38	Ringaring a Rosie (\$72,584)	598,140	36	11,286
34. Deposit Ticket (Pa)	402	71	374	27	39	Firststatedeposit (\$97,200)	561,161	38	7,904
35. Ameri Valay (Md)	86	36	234	19	28	Ameri Brilliance (\$85,650)	560,993	53	15,583
36. Wesham (WV)	272	36	186	14	23	Miss Roberson (\$100,408)	538,001	39	14,944
37. Wayne County (Ire) (Md)	157	61	333	22	31	County Brass (\$38,985)	527,052	36	8,640
38. Western Cat (WV)	96	34	198	14	21	Cat Genius (\$211,280)	523,439	41	15,395
39. Ops Smile (Md)	73	41	271	22	32	Breanna's Smile (\$63,510)	516,855	54	12,606
40. My Boy Adam (WV)	216	57	213	13	16	Fancy Buckles (\$71,240)	503,332	23	8,830
41. Kokand (WV)	303	58	299	26	37	Cashmere Miss (\$52,557)	481,763	45	8,306
42. Peteski (deceased)	281	41	256	19	29	Desirable Moment (\$98,120)	472,298	46	11,519
43. Evening Kris (NJ)	116	27	120	11	16	Wildwood Crest (\$90,750)	454,884	41	16,848
44. Run Softly (WV)	115	51	281	23	26	Sagitta Ra (\$78,671)	452,524	45	8,873
45. Corporate Report (Pa)	347	52	310	20	31	Chevaux (\$62,726)	441,843	38	8,497
46. Valiant Nature (WV)	143	40	226	19	29	Natural Style (\$29,740)	424,469	48	10,612
47. Rinka Das (Md)	139	44	265	22	34	Due (\$47,650)	423,052	50	9,615
48. Prenup (Va)	112	45	245	13	23	Golddigger Beware (\$62,520)	399,190	29	8,871
49. Awad (Md)	107	54	249	14	19	Gisellous (\$47,089)	375,761	26	6,959
50. Fastness (Ire) (Pa)	126	38	179	14	20	Le Cinquieme Essai (\$123,184)	373,369	37	9,826
51. Meadow Monster (Md)	116	47	237	17	26	Monster Chaser (\$42,280)	371,829	36	7,911
52. Hay Halo (Va)	260	34	152	16	22	Scarlet Gilia (\$49,615)	336,370	47	9,893
53. Oh Say (deceased)	516	26	120	12	16	Tienneman Square (\$43,561)	335,493	46	12,904
54. Dusty Screen (Pa)	98	38	215	18	24	Dancin Dusty (\$68,090)	329,656	47	8,675
55. Buckhar (SC)	150	34	205	14	20	Cove Hill Missile (\$74,670)	314,497	41	9,250
56. Crypto Star (Md)	69	27	130	10	20	Crypto Secret (\$57,165)	300,363	37	11,125
57. Horatius (pensioned)	716	30	171	10	19	Wild Centurion (\$56,513)	289,119	33	9,637
58. Judge Smells (deceased)	550	29	166	11	21	Lone Traveler (\$119,361)	278,456	38	9,602
59. Feel the Power (deceased)	286	26	109	8	10	Earth Power (\$77,930)	274,917	31	10,574
60. De Niro (deceased)	150	32	197	14	23	Insanity Defense (\$56,953)	266,579	44	8,331
61. Deputed Testamony (pensioned)	405	25	135	11	20	First Arrival (\$39,230)	263,994	44	10,560
62. Ball's Bluff (Va)	42	8	56	6	10	Bluffie Slew (\$95,410)	263,078	75	32,885
63. Harry the Hat (Pa)	59	13	62	4	8	Prince Joseph (\$154,592)	244,835	31	18,833
64. Swear by Dixie (Md)	42	22	112	15	21	Steal a Band (\$29,200)	213,218	68	9,692
65. Tri for the Gold (Pa)	47	13	99	6	9	Tri My Style (\$73,386)	212,632	46	16,356

Mid-Atlantic-bred stakes winners

MD-bred: AMERI BRILLIANCE, ANGELA'S LOVE, CHRUSCIKI, FOUFA'S WARRIOR, GOTAGHOSTOFACHANCE, RICHETTA, TAM'S TERMS, TRES TOUCHE, TRUE SENSATION, YANKEE WILDCAT. NJ-bred: AMERICAN FREEDOM, QUIET DESPERATION, TOTALLY PRECIOUS, UPHILL SKIER, WAR'S PROSPECT. PA-bred: CAUGHT IN THE RAIN, LOVELY AFTERNOON, MIXED UP, PERFECTPERFORMANCE. VA-bred: SEPARATO. WV-bred: EARTH POWER.

ANGELA'S LOVE PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON RACE TRACK VET

Dr. George Harmening, an associate with the busy Maryland race track veterinary practice of Yergey, Stewart and Vallance, is gaining note as a breeder, thanks to a hard-hitting 4-year-old filly named Angela's Love.

Angela's Love (by leading Mid-Atlantic sire Not For Love) gained her second stakes win of the season—and her first in graded company—with a four and three-quarter-length score in the Gardenia Handicap-G3 on August 7 at Ellis Park.

Bred by Harmening and his wife Kim in partnership with William Campbell, Angela's Love was sold by the Harmenings for \$58,000 at the 2001 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale. She has made her career for Bill and Vicki Poston of Atlanta, Ga., and has to her credit six wins from 11 starts, and earnings of \$256,280.

She is trained by Dale Romans, who sent out Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Roses in May to win the Whitney Handicap-G1

on the same day that Angela's Love won the Gardenia.

Harmening purchased the dam of Angela's Love, Goldgorian's Alden (by John Alden) privately for a nominal price at Bowie in 1999, after she failed to make a racing comeback.

Goldgorian's Alden, from a family developed by longtime Maryland breeder Hal C.B. Clagett, is out of a half-sister to the dam of stakes winners Silent Valay, Amerrico's Bullet, Valay Bullet and Bullet Valay.

Though not among the family's most illustrious runners, Goldgorian's Alden won the 1995 Maryland Million Distaff Starter Handicap and earned \$100,761.

Angela's Love is Goldgorian's Alden's first foal. One of only two broodmares at the Harmenings' 15-acre farm in Carroll County, Md., Goldgorian's Alden has a yearling Two Punch filly, whom the Harmenings sold for \$67,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale, and is in foal to Not For Love.



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Maryland-bred

AMERI BRILLIANCE

West Virginia Legislature Chairman's Cup Handicap
\$85,000-guaranteed, 4½ fur. (ntr—:50.16), 3 & up. Mountaineer Park, Aug. 7.

					Nearctic
					Natalma
					Cyane
					Book of Verse
					Dr. Fager
					Ameri Lib
					Gala Harry
					Little Bold Sphinx
					Raise a Native
					Gold Digger
					Buckpasser
					Broadway
					Fifth Marine
					Moon Glitter
					Brilliant Protege
					Cullulloo
					earnings
					\$ 21,440
					52,400
					106,808
					85,650
					\$266,298 (through Aug. 7)
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	
01	4	1	1	0	
02	10	2	0	2	
03	10	5	1	0	
04 (sw)	4	2 (1)	1	0	
	28	10 (1)	3	2	

TRES TOUCHE

New York Turf Writers Cup-NSA1

\$100,000-added, 2½ mi. over National fences, 4 & up. Saratoga, Sept. 2.

	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
Danzig	Pas de Nom	Natalma
Poles Apart	Cyane	Admiral's Voyage
Family Planning	Family Line	*Petitioner
Tres Touche , dk.b./br.g., 1997	Run the Gantlet	*Turn-to
Smoggy (GB)	Loose Cover	Your Game
Princess Smoggy	Blood Royal	Double Jay
Arteria	Tutu Tulle	Effie B.
		Tom Rolfe
		First Feather
		Venture
		Nymphet
		*Ribot
		Natashka
		Crazy Kid
		Tulle

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
			(In U.S.)		
99 unraced					
00 (sw)	11	2 (1)	4	2	\$ 43,895
		(In U.S. and England)			
01 (sw)	10	3 (2)	1 (1)	1	135,180
		(In U.S.)			
02 (sw)	9	3 (3)	4 (4)	1 (1)	148,778
03 (sw)	7	1 (1)	3 (3)	2 (2)	94,703
04 (sw)	5	2 (2)	1	0	134,010
	*42	11 (9)	13 (8)	6 (3)	\$556,566 (through Sept. 2)

*Includes NSA sanctioned starts only

2000: 1st \$35,000 **Gladstone Hurdle S-NSA3**, abt. 2½ mi. over National fences, 3-year-olds, Far Hills, Oct. 28. **2001:** 1st \$50,000 **Beaulieu of America Spring Novice Hurdle S-NSA3**, abt. 2 mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Atlanta, April 14; \$75,000 **Foxbrook Supreme Novice Hurdle S-NSA2**, abt. 2½ mi. over National fences, 4 & up who had not won over hurdles prior to Sept. 1, 2000, Far Hills, Oct. 20; 2nd **Hard Scuffle Hurdle S-NSA1**. **2002:** 1st \$40,000 **Little Everglades Hurdle S**, abt. 2½ mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Little Everglades, March 10; \$30,000 **Legacy Chase Hurdle S**, abt. 2½ mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Shawan, Sept. 28; \$30,000 **Noel Laing Hurdle S**, abt. 2½ mi. over brush, 4 & up, Montpelier, Nov. 2; 2nd **Breeders' Cup Stp. S-NSA1**, **Colonial Cup-NSA1**, **A.P. Smithwick Memorial Stp. H-NSA2**, **David L. "Zeke" Ferguson Memorial Stp. S-NSA3**; 3rd **Atlanta Cup Hurdle S-NSA2**. **2003:** 1st \$50,000 **Marcellus Frost Hurdle S-NSA3**, abt. 2 mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Percy Warner, May 10; 2nd **Carolina Cup Hurdle S-NSA1**, **New York Turf Writers Cup-NSA1**, **David L. "Zeke" Ferguson Memorial Stp. S-NSA3**; 3rd **A.P. Smithwick Memorial Stp. H-NSA2**, **Temple Gwathmey Stp. S-NSA3**. **2004:** 1st \$100,000 **Iroquois Hurdle S-NSA1**, 3 mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Percy Warner, May 8; \$100,000 **New York Turf Writers Cup-NSA1**, 2½ mi. over National fences, 4 & up, Saratoga, Sept. 2.

Bred by John A. Manfuso (Md.); owned by Barracuda Stable; trained by Richard J. Hendricks. Sire: **POLES APART** (deceased).

Dam: **Princess Smoggy**, ch., 83, bred by Double Eagle Stable (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 45 starts, 5 wins, 2 to 5, \$81,769, 2nd Peach Blossom S. (FTM Feb 98—\$1,200)

90	A Regal Folly, b.g. by Poles Apart. Raced 1 year, 6 starts at 2, 0 wins, \$1,082.
91	A Regal Pole, dk.b./br.g. by Poles Apart. Raced 4 years, 46 starts, 3 wins, 3 to 5, \$26,869.
92	A New Royalty, b.g. by Poles Apart. Raced 5 years, 70 starts, 14 wins, 3 to 7, \$127,968.
93	A Mixed Up Guy, b.g. by Poles Apart. Raced 4 years, 34 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$27,240.
94	Barren.
95	A Tall Lady, b.f. by Poles Apart. Raced 2 years, 27 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$13,481.
96	Barren.
97	TRES TOUCHE , dk.b./br.g. by Poles Apart. (FTM Feb 98—\$4,000)
98	Barren.
99	NAUGHTY PRINCE , ch.g. by Rakeen. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$85,520, Century BMW Block House Hurdle S, 2nd Hard Scuffle Hurdle S-NSA1, 3rd National Steeplechase Foundation Supreme Hurdle S-NSA3.
00	Pretty Princess, b.f. by Partner's Hero. Raced 1 year, 15 starts, 1 win at 3, \$9,641.
02	Saratoga Class, b.f. by Saratoga Six. Unraced.

TRUE SENSATION

All Brandy Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1½ mi. (off turf), registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Pimlico, Aug. 14.

			Mr. Prospector		Raise a Native
	Jade Hunter				Gold Digger
Itaka			Jadana (Ire)		Pharly
					Janina
	Americanrevelation		Foolish Pleasure		What a Pleasure
True Sensation, dk.b./br.m., 1999			American Legacy		Fool-Me-Not
					Hail to Reason
					Ciboulette
			Northern Dancer		Nearctic
	Far North				Natalma
True Norther			Fleur		Victoria Park
					Flaming Page
			Silent Screen		Prince John
	Truly Blest				Prayer Bell
			Three Quarter Girl		Cohoos
					Gladdest Years
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
01 (sw)	5	2 (1)	2	1	\$ 84,930
02 (sw)	9	1 (1)	1	2 (2)	69,890
03	11	2	2	2 (2)	83,240
04 (sw)	4	1 (1)	0	0	50,562
	29	6 (3)	5	5 (4)	\$288,622 (through Aug. 14)

2001: 1st \$100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S**, 1½ mi., registered Md.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Dec. 29. **2002:** 1st \$75,000 **Twixt S**, 1½ mi., registered Md.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Nov. 23; 3rd **Caesar's Wish S**, **Wide Country S**. **2003:** 3rd **Obeah H**, **Maryland Racing Media H**. **2004:** 1st \$75,000 **All Brandy S**, 1½ mi. (off turf), registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, Aug. 14.

Bred by Albert H. Cohen and Randy L. Cohen (Md.); owned by Hickory Plains Farm; trained by Hamilton A. Smith.

Sire: **ITAKA** stands at Manderley Farm, Red Oaks, Tex.

Dam: **TRUE NORTHER**, b., 85, bred by Judith A. Bigg, Don J. Massa and Wakefield Farm (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 31 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$64,374. (FTK July 86—\$17,000; Kee Nov 93—\$20,000 in foal to Black Tie Affair-Ire; FTM Feb 97—\$9,200 in foal to Distinctive Pro)

92	Norboat, b.g. by Sauce Boat. Raced 5 years, 55 starts, 9 wins at 4, 5 and 7, \$76,742.
93	Bensky, b.f. by Timeless Moment. Unraced.
94	Chianti Classic, b.f. by Black Tie Affair (Ire). Raced 2 years, 8 starts at 4 and 5, 0 wins, \$11,980. (Kee Jan 95—\$17,000)
95	True Blue Sue, b.f. by Belong to Me. Raced 2 years, 5 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$2,370. (FTM Sept 96—\$12,000)
96	Takingthehardline, b.c. by Belong to Me. Raced 2 years, 5 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$63,800. (Kee Nov 99—\$1,000)
97	Charles Way, dk.b./br.c. by Distinctive Pro. Raced 1 year, 14 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$10,012.
99	TRUE SENSATION , dk.b./br.f. by Itaka.
00	Rebel, ch.f. by Storm Broker. Raced 2 years, 4 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$5,040.
01	Barren.
02	True as Mine, ch.f. by Storm Broker. Unraced.
03	Fear the Turtle, ch.c. by Meadow Monster.
04	Barren.

YANKEE WILDCAT

Mister Diz Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5 fur., turf, registered Maryland-breds, 3 & up. Pimlico, Aug. 7.

			Storm Bird	Northern Dancer	
	Storm Cat			South Ocean	
			Terlingua	Secretariat	
	Forest Wildcat			Crimson Saint	
			Bold Native	Raise a Native	
	Victoria Beauty			Spring Beauty	
			Abifalth	*Seaneen	
Yankee Wildcat , b.g., 1998				Sherry Jen	
			Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	
	Miswaki			Gold Digger	
			Hopespringseternal	Buckpasser	
	Yankee Maid			Rose Bower	
			Carnivalay	Northern Dancer	
	Valay Maid			Obeah	
			Nancy's Scout	West Coast Scout	
				Wee Landing	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
00	1	0	0	0	\$ 0
01	2	1	0	0	14,250
02	13	2	3	0	49,688
03	4	0	1	1	8,530
04 (sw)	4	2 (1)	1	0	69,420
	24	5 (1)	5	1	\$141,888 (through Aug. 20)

2004: 1st \$75,000 **Mister Diz S**, 5 fur., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Pimlico, Aug. 7. Set ncr at Pim—5 fur., turf, in :55.99.

Bred and owned by Mrs. Frank P. Wright (Md.); trained by Timothy Tullock Jr.

Sire: **FOREST WILDCAT** stands at Brookdale Farm, Versailles, Ky.

Dam: **YANKEE MAID**, b., 93, bred by Mrs. Frank P. Wright (Md.). Raced 2 years, 6 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$12,511.

98 **YANKEE WILDCAT**, b.g. by Forest Wildcat.

99 Yankee Land, b.c. by Wayne County (Ire). Raced 1 year, 5 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$2,390.

00 Barren.

01 Blossom Point, b.f. by Rahy. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$5,790.

02 Dead foal.

03 Yankee Spirit, ch.c. by Crowd Pleaser.

04 f. by Partner's Hero.

New Jersey-bred

AMERICAN FREEDOM

Jersey Breeders' Turf Highweight Handicap

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf, registered New Jersey-breds, 3 & up.
Monmouth Park, Aug. 29.

			Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	
		Conquistador Cielo		Gold Digger	
			K D Princess	Bold Commander	
Marquetry				Tammy's Turn	
			Vice Regent	Northern Dancer	
		Regent's Walk		Victoria Regina	
			Lover's Walk	Never Bend	
American Freedom, gr./ro.g., 1998				Honey Lake	
			Sir Gaylord	*Turn-to	
		Drone		Somethingroyal	
			Cap and Bells	Tom Fool	
Got a Cold				Ghazni	
			*Arctic Prince	Prince Chevalier	
		Articana		Arctic Sun	
			*Nato II	*Court Martial	
				Safari Moon	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
00	3	0	0	1	\$ 3,780
01	7	3	0	1	88,450
02 (sw)	8	4 (1)	1 (1)	1	111,200
03 (sw)	10	1 (1)	2 (1)	5 (3)	91,500
04 (sw)	4	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	72,200
	32	9 (3)	3 (2)	9 (4)	\$367,130 (through Aug. 29)

2002: 1st \$50,000 **Lincroft H**, 1 mi., turf, registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 11; 2nd **John Henry S. 2003:** 1st \$50,000 **Lincroft H**, 1 mi., turf, registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, June 28; 2nd **Battlefield S**; 3rd **Elkwood S**, **Bob Harding S**, **John Henry S. 2004:** 1st \$100,000 **Jersey Breeders' Turf Highweight H**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf, registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 29; 3rd **Red Bank H-G3**.

Bred by Y. Kolybabiuk (N.J.); owned by Freedom Acres Inc.; trained by Jamie Woodington.

Sire: **MARQUETRY** stands at Vinery Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: GOT A COLD, gr., 80, bred by Bwamazon Farm (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 7 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$21,018. (Kee Nov 91—\$13,000 in foal to Dixieland Brass)

86 Snake Doctor, gr.c. by Fit to Fight. Raced 8 years, 81 starts, 10 wins at 3, 4, 6 and 8, \$122,855. (Kee Sept 87—\$120,000)

87 He's Raja, ch.c. by Raja Baba. Raced 4 years, 56 starts, 3 wins at 3, 4 and 6, \$58,321. (Kee Sept 88—\$10,000)

88 Antartique, gr.c. by Spend a Buck. In France, raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, \$0. (Kee Sept 89—\$60,000)

89 Storm Gauge, ch.f. by Arctic Tern. In England, raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, \$0.

90 dk.b./br.f. by Bet Twice. (Kee Sept 91—\$10,000; OBS March 92—\$23,000)

91 Sieve of Time, dk.b./br.c. by Arctic Tern. In England, raced 2 years, 9 starts, 1 win at 3, \$13,035. (Kee Nov 91—\$15,000)

92 **Dixie Fever**, dk.b./br.f. by Dixieland Brass. Raced 1 year, 6 starts, 3 wins at 3, \$61,800, 3rd Wistful H. Dam of **WILLIE'S LUV** (5 wins, \$218,287 to 5, 2004, Pennsylvania Oaks, Santo Lalomia H twice, 2nd Spruce Fir H, 3rd Dr. James Penny Memorial H, New Jersey Futurity), **Proud and Free** (5 wins, \$145,815, 2nd Open Mind H).

93 **Freedom Quest**, dk.b./br.c. by Norquestor. Raced 5 years, 37 starts, 9 wins at 2, 3, 5 and 7, \$185,349, 2nd Morven S, 3rd Great Falls S.

94 **Freedom's Dawn**, gr./ro.f. by Opening Verse. Raced 4 years, 38 starts, 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$186,650, 3rd Colleen S.

95 Precious Freedom, b.f. by Deerhound. Unraced.

96 On to Freedom, dk.b./br.c. by Quiet American. Raced 2 years, 6 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$1,765.

97 Freedom's Magic, gr./ro.f. by El Prado (Ire). Raced 4 years, 25 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$76,265.

98 **AMERICAN FREEDOM**, gr./ro.g. by Marquetry.

99 Freedom's Silver, gr./ro.c. by Deerhound. Unraced.

00 **FREEDOM'S HONOR**, dk.b./br.g. by Deerhound. Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$146,497, Colts Neck S, 2nd Jersey Breeders' Turf Highweight H.

QUIET DESPERATION

Colts Neck Handicap

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered New Jersey-breds, 3 & up.
Monmouth Park, Aug. 29.

			Buckaroo	Buckpasser	Tom Fool
				Stepping High	Busanda
Montbrook				Jet Diplomacy	No Robbery
			Secret Papers		*Bebop II
				Attache Case	Exploident
Quiet Desperation, b.g., 1999					Jet to Rule
				What a Pleasure	Diplomat Way
					Old Bess
			Foolish Pleasure		Bold Ruler
				Fool-Me-Not	Grey Flight
Frivolous					Tom Fool
				Dr. Fager	Cuadrilla
			Fager's Fancy		Rough'n Tumble
				North of Venus	Aspidistra
					Northern Dancer
					Fly by Venus
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
01	4	1	0	1	\$ 18,340
02	8	2	3	3	86,442
03	4	0	1	1	15,988
04 (sw)	14	5 (1)	0	2	171,560
	30	8 (1)	4	7	\$292,330 (through Aug. 29)

2004: 1st \$100,000 **Colts Neck H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 29.

Bred by Janet Laszlo (N.J.); owned by Janet Laszlo and Joseph H. Pierce Jr.; trained by Joseph H. Pierce Jr.

Sire: **MONTBROOK** stands at Ocala Stud Farm, Ocala, Fla.

Dam: FRIVOLOUS, b., 87, bred by Mrs. Virginia S. Reynolds (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 13 starts, 1 win at 3, \$6,165. (FTK Sept 88—\$45,000; FTF Feb 89—\$55,000)

93 Rude Remark, dk.b./br.g. by Caveat. Unraced.

95 Lost Pleasure, dk.b./br.c. by Lost Code. Raced 4 years, 22 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 4, \$51,373.

96 Punch Gold, gr./ro.c. by Two Punch. Raced 4 years, 11 starts, 3 to 6, 0 wins, \$2,635. (OBS Aug 97—\$11,000; FTM May 98—\$60,000)

98 Sage Creek, dk.b./br.f. by Cold Digger. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$23,526.

99 **QUIET DESPERATION**, b.g. by Montbrook.

00 b.f. by Friendly Lover. Died 2002.

01 Stay Tuned, b.f. by Bugatti Reef (Ire). In U.S. and Puerto Rico, raced 2 years, 17 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$2,814.

04 f. by Ordway.

TOTALLY PRECIOUS

Eleven North Handicap

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered New Jersey-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up.
Monmouth Park, Aug. 29.

			Northrop	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
				Sand Buggy	Natalma
			Northern Idol	Exploident	Warfare
			La Soufriere		Egyptian
				Golden Way	Nearctic
Totally Precious, b.m., 1999					Venomous
				Al Hattab	Diplomat Way
			Naked Sky		M'Lie. Ceil
				For Sparkles	The Axe II
Arctic Sky				*The Knack II	*Abyssinia II
			Arctic Fashion		*Forli
				Arctic Park	Jet Sparkler
					Blast
					Straight Mistress
					Victoria Park
					Belarctic
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
02	5	1	1	0	\$ 21,270
03	8	1	2	3	41,290
04 (sw)	8	3 (1)	2	1	125,020
	21	5 (1)	5	4	\$187,580 (through Aug. 29)

2004: 1st \$100,000 **Eleven North H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 29.

Bred by George Kershak (N.J.); owned by Gwendolyn Kershak; trained by James P. Connor III.

Sire: **NORTHERN IDOL** (deceased).

Dam: ARCTIC SKY, dk.b./br., 86, bred by E.L. Parker (Fla.). Raced 6 years, 78 starts, 10 wins, 3 to 6, \$51,025.

94 Le Ciel Parfait, ch.c. by Parfaitement. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 3 to 5, 0 wins, \$5,809.

STAKES WINNERS

- 95 Not covered previous year.
 96 **Red Riccio**, ch.f. by Pappa Riccio. Raced 4 years, 37 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$102,968, 3rd Girl Powder H.
 97 **Fashion Idol**, dk.b./br.f. by Northern Idol. Raced 4 years, 39 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$159,294, 3rd Betsy Ross S.
 98 Marry Me, b.f. by Northern Idol. Raced 3 years, 22 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 5, \$73,845.
 99 **TOTALLY PRECIOUS**, b.f. by Northern Idol.
 00 Barren.

UPHILL SKIER

Jersey Girl Handicap

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi. 70 yds., registered New Jersey-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Monmouth Park, Aug. 29.

	Baldski	Nijinsky II	Northern Dancer
	Appealing Skier	Too Bald	Bald Eagle
	Jealous Appeal	Valid Appeal	Hidden Talent
		Jealous Cat	In Reality
Uphill Skier , b.f., 2000			Desert Trial
			*Cougar II
			Only the Loyal
		Roberto	Hail to Reason
			Bramalea
		Sharp Queen	*Princequillo
			Bridgework
		Tampa Trouble	Blue Prince
			Dream Vision
		Miss Release	Pluck
			Rope Yarn Sunday

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
02	1	1	0	0	\$ 13,500
03 (sw)	9	4 (2)	1	2 (2)	147,350
04 (sw)	4	2 (2)	0	0	97,200
	14	7 (4)	1	2 (2)	\$258,050 (through Aug. 29)

2003: 1st \$50,000 **Open Mind H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, June 1; \$50,000 **Highlands S**, 1 mi., 3-year-old fillies, Monmouth, Aug. 10; 3rd **Crank It Up S**, **William A. Purdey H**. **2004:** 1st \$60,000 **Spruce Fir H**, 1 mi., registered N.J.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, July 24; \$100,000 **Jersey Girl H**, 1 mi. 70 yds., registered N.J.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Monmouth, Aug. 29.

Bred and owned by New Farm (N.J.); trained by Ben W. Perkins Jr.

Sire: **APPEALING SKIER** stands at Green Willow Farms, Westminster, Md.

Dam: **RESILIENT KRIS**, ch., 88, bred by Four Horseman's Ranch (Fla.). Raced 5 years, 46 starts, 12 wins, 3 to 7, \$163,005.

97 Kris Convey, ch.f. by Conveyor. Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$23,744.

98 It Is What It Is, dk.b./br.g. by Forest Wildcat. Raced 5 years, 27 starts, 4 wins at 3, 5 and 6, \$109,640.

00 **UPHILL SKIER**, b.f. by Appealing Skier.

WAR'S PROSPECT

Rumson Stakes

\$60,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 3-year-olds. Monmouth Park, Aug. 14.

Pappa Riccio Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered New Jersey-bred 3-year-olds. Monmouth Park, Aug. 29.

	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer
		Gold Digger	Raise You
	Lion Cavern		Nashua
		Secretariat	Sequence
	Secrettame		Bold Ruler
		Tamerett	Somethingroyal
War's Prospect , ch.g., 2001			Tim Tam
			*Mixed Marriage
		In Reality	Intentionally
			My Dear Girl
		Proper Reality	Nodouble
			Proper Notice
		Proper Princess	Native Dancer
			Quill
		Banderilla	Solo Landing
			Chilly Wind
		Cool Control	

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
03 (sw)	6	2 (1)	2	1 (1)	\$ 76,310
04 (sw)	9	3 (2)	1 (1)	2 (2)	136,138
	15	5 (3)	3 (1)	3 (3)	\$212,448 (through Aug. 29)

2003: 1st \$65,000 **New Jersey Futurity**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-bred 2-year-old colts and geldings, Meadowlands, Nov. 7; 3rd **Maria's Mon S**. **2004:** 1st \$60,000 **Rumson S**, 6 fur., 3-year-olds, Monmouth, Aug. 14; \$75,000 **Pappa Riccio S**, 1 mi., registered N.J.-bred 3-year-olds, Monmouth, Aug. 29; 2nd **Gilded Time S**; 3rd **Ogygian S**, **Anderson Fowler S**.

Bred by John R. Perrotta (N.J.); owned by War Stable; trained by William D. Anderson.

Sire: **LION CAVERN** (deceased).

Dam: **ICY REALITY**, b., 94, bred by Mrs. James Winn (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 1 win at 3, \$5,360. (Kee Sept 95—\$12,000; Kee Nov 97—\$35,000 in foal to Miner's Mark; Kee Nov 98—\$10,000 in foal to Meadow Monster)

98 Generously, dk.b./br.c. by Miner's Mark. Raced 5 years, 49 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$72,170. (Kee Nov 98—\$8,000)

99 **Bay Monster**, b.c. by Meadow Monster. Raced 2 years, 13 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 3, \$94,543, 3rd Arkansas Derby-G2. (OBS Jan 00—\$1,100; OBS Aug 00—\$13,000; OBS April 01—\$80,000)

00 **Bullet Breeze**, b.c. by Defrere. In Puerto Rico, raced 2 years, 15 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$73,420, 2nd Clasico Campeon Importado-G1, Copa 4 de Julio. (FTM Oct 01—\$7,500)

01 **WAR'S PROSPECT**, ch.g. by Lion Cavern.

03 Willist, dk.b./br.c. by Dance Brightly.

Pennsylvania-bred

CAUGHT IN THE RAIN

Pistol Packer Handicap

\$50,000-added, 1 1/8 mi., registered Pennsylvania-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Philadelphia Park, Aug. 7.

	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
		Con Game	Gold Digger
	Petionville		Buckpasser
		Wavering Monarch	Broadway
	Vana Turns		Majestic Light
		The Wheel Turns	Uncommitted
Caught in the Rain , dk.b./br.m., 1999			Big Burn
		Nijinsky II	Manina
			Northern Dancer
			Flaming Page
		Late Bloomer	Stage Door Johnny
	Jinger Feathers		Dunce Cap II
		Sir Ivor	Sir Gaylord
	Royal Myth		Attica
		Faerie	Hatchet Man
			Cloud Castle

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
01	unraced				
02 (sw)	8	4 (2)	0	2	\$195,506
03 (sw)	9	2 (2)	0	1	120,708
04 (sw)	6	1 (1)	0	2 (2)	66,760
	23	7 (5)	0	5 (2)	\$382,974 (through Aug. 7)

2002: 1st \$50,000 **Mrs. Penny S**, 1 1/8 mi., turf, registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Philadelphia, Oct. 5; \$150,000 **Mrs. Revere S-G2**, 1 1/8 mi., turf, 3-year-old fillies, Churchill, Nov. 16. **2003:** 1st \$50,000 **Mrs. Penny S**, 1 1/8 mi. (off turf), registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Philadelphia, Aug. 30; \$100,000 **Athenia H-G3**, 1 1/8 mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Aqueduct, Nov. 8. **2004:** 1st \$50,000 **Pistol Packer H**, 1 1/8 mi., registered Pa.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Philadelphia, Aug. 7; 3rd **Beaugay H-G3**, **Dr. James Penny Memorial H**.

Bred by Casino Royale Farms Inc. (Pa.); owned by Heiligbrodt Racing Stable and Walter New; trained by Guadalupe Preciado.

Sire: **PETIONVILLE** stands at Crestwood Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **JINGER FEATHERS**, gr./ro., 94, bred by Mrs. John Hay Whitney (Ky.). Unraced. (Kee Nov 94—\$6,000)

99 **CAUGHT IN THE RAIN**, dk.b./br.f. by Petionville.

00 Casino Casey, ch.g. by Gold Case. Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, \$33,699.

01 Dead foal; 02 barren; 03 slipped.

04 c. by Unbridled's Song.

LOVELY AFTERNOON

Arlington Breeders' Cup Oaks-G3

\$150,000-guaranteed (includes \$50,000 Breeders' Cup Fund), 1 1/8 mi., 3-year-old fillies. Arlington Park, Aug. 21.



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STAKES WINNERS

			Private Account	Damascus	
	Private Terms			Numbered Account	
			Laughter	Bold Ruler	
	Afternoon Deelites			Shenanigans	
			Medaille d'Or	Secretariat	
	Intimate Girl			Fanfreliche	
			Hot Food	Ack Ack	
	Lovely Afternoon, dk.b./br.f., 2001			Loyal Ruler	
			Nijinsky II	Northern Dancer	
	Green Dancer			Flaming Page	
			*Green Valley II	*Val de Loir	
	Lovely Later			Sly Pola	
			Key to the Mint	Graustark	
	Fate's Reward			Key Bridge	
			Cast the Die	Olden Times	
				Teo Pepi	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
03 (sw)	6	2 (1)	0	2 (1)	\$ 63,117
04 (sw)	6	2 (1)	1	0	86,959
	12	4 (2)	1	2 (1)	\$150,076 (through Aug. 21)

2003: 1st \$50,000 **Blue Mountain Juvenile S**, 6 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Penn National, Nov. 14; 3rd **Top Flight S**. **2004:** 1st \$150,000 **Arlington Breeders' Cup Oaks-G3** (includes \$50,000 Breeders' Cup Fund), 1½ mi., 3-year-old fillies, Arlington, Aug. 21.

Bred by Two Sisters Farm (Pa.); owned by Richard Otto Stables Inc.; trained by Anthony Mitchell.

Sire: **AFTERNOON DEELITES** stands at Clear Creek Stud, Folsom, La.

Dam: **LOVELY LATER**, b., 93, bred by Hickory Tree Farm (Va.). Unraced. (Kee Sept 94—\$60,000; FTM Dec 99—\$42,000 in foal to Not For Love)

98 gr./ro.f. by Wekiva Springs. Died 2000.

99 **WITH PATIENCE**, b.f. by With Approval. Raced 3 years, 21 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$258,450, Cordially S, Oakley S, Somethingroyal S, 2nd Royal North H-G3C, Omnibus S, 3rd Boiling Springs Breeders' Cup H-G3, Gallorlette H-G3, Witches' Brew S. (Kee Sept 00—\$15,000)

00 Married for Money, dk.b./br.f. by Not For Love. Unraced. (FTM Oct 01—\$22,000)

01 **LOVELY AFTERNOON**, dk.b./br.f. by Afternoon Deelites. (Kee Sept 02—\$52,000)

02 Adios Ciao Bye Bye, gr./ro.c. by Two Punch. Unraced. (Kee Sept 03—\$140,000; Kee Apr 04—\$145,000)

03 Dead foal.

MIXED UP

Capital City Handicap

\$40,000-added, 1¼ mi., turf, registered Pennsylvania-breds, 3 & up.
Penn National, Aug. 20.

					Nearco
		Northern Dancer			*Lady Angela
				Natalma	Native Dancer
	Carnivalay			Cyane	Almahmoud
		Obeah			*Turn-to
				Book of Verse	Your Game
					One Count
	Mixed Up, b.g., 1999				*Persian Maid
				Hoist the Flag	Tom Rolfe
	Oh Say				Wavy Navy
				Light Hearted	Cyane
					Ho Ho
	Oh Nonsense				Round Table
				King's Bishop	Spearfish
		Ba Bish			Jig Time
				Babee	Miss Galax
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
01	2	0	0	0	\$ 300
02	4	1	0	1	12,200
03	6	1	0	1	24,200
04 (sw)	5	4 (1)	0	0	67,710
	17	6 (1)	0	2	\$104,410 (through Aug. 20)

2004: 1st \$40,000 **Capital City H**, 1¼ mi., turf, registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Penn National, Aug. 20.

Bred by William L. Pape and Jonathan E. Sheppard (Pa.); owned by William L. Pape; trained by Jonathan E. Sheppard.

Sire: **CARNIVALAY** (pensioned).

Dam: **OH NONSENSE**, dk.b./br., 91, bred by Jonathan E. Sheppard (Pa.). Raced 4 years, 17 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$123,454, Rosenna S-nr, Dainty Dotsie S, 2nd New Castle H, 3rd Chrysanthemum H, Blue Bonnet S (twice).

98 Rang My Bell, gr./ro.f. by Two Punch. Raced 2 years, 8 starts at 4 and 5, 0 wins, \$10,108.

99 **MIXED UP**, b.g. by Carnivalay.

00 Dead foal.

PERFECT PERFORMANCE

Stonehenge Stakes

\$54,609, 1 mi., turf, 2-year-olds, Salisbury, England, Aug. 11.

			Red God	*Nasrullah
		Blushing Groom (Fr)		Spring Run
	Rahy		Runaway Bride (GB)	Wild Risk
				Aimee
		Glorious Song	Halo	Hail to Reason
				Cosmah
	Perfectperformance, ch.c., 2002		Ballade	*Herbager
				Miss Swapsco
			Northern Dancer	Nearctic
		Nijinsky II		Natalma
			Flaming Page	Bull Page
	Balistroika			Flaring Top
			Balidar	Will Somers
		Balidaress (Ire)		Violet Bank
			Innocence	Sea Hawk II
				Novitiate
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd
			(In England)	earnings
04 (sw)	3	2 (1)	1	0
				\$51,862 (through Aug. 11)

2004: 1st \$54,609 **Stonehenge S**, 1 mi., turf, 2-year-olds, Salisbury, England, Aug. 11.

Bred by Brushwood Stable (Pa.); owned by Godolphin; trained by Saeed bin Suroor.

Sire: **RAHY** stands at Three Chimneys Farm, Midway, Ky.

Dam: **BALISTROIKA**, ch., 88, bred by Brushwood Stable (Ky.). Unraced.

93 Lanseria, ch.f. by Diesis (GB). Unraced. Died 1995.

94 ch.f. by Diesis (GB). Died 1995.

95 Alawal, ch.c. by Miswaki. Raced 4 years, 25 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 6, \$149,842. (Kee Sept 96—\$400,000)

96 Zenno Keima, ch.c. by Gone West. In Japan, raced 5 years, 15 starts, 3 wins at 4, \$298,397. (Kee July 97—\$400,000)

97 **Ive Gota Bad Liver**, ch.f. by Mt. Livermore. Raced 2 years, 19 starts, 3 wins at 3, \$84,503, 2nd Lady's Secret H, 3rd Oaklawn Breeders' Cup S-G3, Pippin S. (Kee Sept 98—\$20,000)

98 Barren.

99 Balade Russe, b.f. by Gone West. In France, raced 2 years, 8 starts, 1 win at 2, \$21,362. (Kee Sept 00—\$75,000)

00 **RUSSIAN RHYTHM**, ch.f. by Kingmambo. Champion 3-year-old filly in Europe, highweighted 3-year-old filly (7-9½ fur.), (9½-11 fur.) in England, raced 3 years, 10 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,272,258, 1000 Guineas S-G1, Coronation S-G1, Lockinge S-G1, Nassau S-G1, Lowther S-G2, Princess Margaret S-G3, 2nd Cheveley Park S-G1, Queen Elizabeth II S-G1. (Kee Nov 00—\$370,000; Tat Hou 01—\$678,770)

01 Marisa, ch.f. by Swain (Ire). Unraced. (Kee Nov 01—\$220,000; Tat Oct 02—\$488,439)

02 **PERFECT PERFORMANCE**, ch.c. by Rahy. (Kee Sept 03—\$1,100,000)

03 ch.c. by Rahy.

04 f. by Kingmambo.

Virginia-bred

SEPARATO

Larry R. Riviello President's Cup

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi. 70 yds., 3-year-olds, Philadelphia Park, Aug. 14.

					Mr. Prospector
					Killaloe
					Hoist the Flag
					Mock Orange
					Northern Dancer
					Victoria Regina
					Halo
					Glass Collector
Separato, b.c., 2001					Tom Rolfe
					Wavy Navy
					Prince John
					Determined Lady
					Northern Dancer
					Fleur
					Thyco
					La Belana
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
03	1	1	0	0	\$ 12,000
04 (sw)	9	3 (1)	2	1	112,660
	10	4 (1)	2	1	\$124,660 (through Aug. 14)

2004: 1st \$100,000 **Larry R. Riviello President's Cup**, 1 mi. 70 yds., 3-year-olds, Philadelphia, Aug. 14.

Bred by Braeburn Farm Corp. (Va.); owned by CJZ Racing Stable; trained by Timothy F. Ritchey.

Sire: **VICTORY GALLOP** stands at WinStar Farm, Versailles, Ky.

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STAKES WINNERS

Dam: LA BELLISSIMA, b., 94, bred by Braeburn Farm Corp. (Va.). Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$48,410.

00 La Carina, dk.b./br.f. by Silver Deputy. Raced 1 year, 5 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$5,750.

01 **SEPARATO**, b.c. by Victory Gallop. (Kee Nov 01—\$40,000)

02 Dead foal.

03 dk.b./br.c. by Thunder Rumble.

04 Barren.

West Virginia-bred

EARTH POWER

Frank Gall Memorial Handicap

\$75,000-added, 7 fur., registered accredited West Virginia-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, Aug. 28.

	Raise a Native	Native Dancer	Polynesian
		Raise You	Geisha
Feel the Power		Best Turn	Case Ace
	Davona Dale	Royal Entrance	Lady Glory
Earth Power , b.c., 2000			*Turn-to
	Shelter Half	Tentam	Sweet Clementine
Ani Ashby		Gay Matelda	Tim Tam
	Juanita's Girl	Jungle Cove	Prince's Gate
		Marianna Trench	Intentionally
			Tamerett
			Sir Gaylord
			Hasty Matelda
			Bold Ruler
			Santorin
			*Pago Pago
			Feather Bed

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
02	unraced				
03 (sw)	6	4 (1)	2	0	\$ 86,305
04 (sw)	5	2 (2)	0	2	77,930
	11	6 (3)	2	2	\$164,235 (through Aug. 28)

2003: 1st \$75,000 **West Virginia Dash for Cash Breeders Classic S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred, sired or raised, 3 & up, Charles Town, Oct. 11. **2004:** 1st \$40,000 **Potomac H**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, April 10; \$75,000 **Frank Gall Memorial H**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, Aug. 28.

Bred and owned by O'Sullivan Farms (W.Va.); trained by George G. Yetsook.

Sire: **FEEL THE POWER** (deceased).

Dam: ANI ASHBY, dk.b./br., 87, bred by H.W. Dick Co. (W.Va.). Unraced.

90 Slipped.

91 Ara Too, dk.b./br.c. by Tagish. Raced 2 years, 17 starts, 1 win at 2, \$11,415.

92 **ANI'S ARA**, dk.b./br.c. by Feel the Power. Raced 6 years, 43 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 5, \$37,216, West Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund Breeders Classic S, 2nd Tri-State Futurity, West Virginia Futurity.

93 Caitlin Nicole, dk.b./br.f. by Tagish. Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 1 win at 7, \$11,760.

94 Ani's Ani, dk.b./br.f. by Feel the Power. Unraced.

95 Randon Leigh, b.f. by Tagish. Raced 3 years, 24 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$36,071.

96 **ASHBY INN**, b.f. by Feel the Power. Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 2 wins at 2, \$24,987, Southern States Breeders Classic S.

97 Slipped; 98 barren; 99 slipped.

00 **EARTH POWER**, b.c. by Feel the Power.

01 Slipped.

Close Up

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Joey P. won his first start by 6¼ lengths in a Monmouth Park maiden special on Aug. 18, and came back to win his second start, an allowance at Monmouth Park on Sept. 10, by 1½ lengths.

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Looking back

From *The Maryland Horse* (published 1936 to 1997)

50 YEARS AGO

■ Baltimore native Tommy Kelly was rising through the training ranks though “still the broth of a boy,” in the words of *Maryland Horse* racing columnist Joe Hickey.

Having taken on the extensive Ada L. Rice racing stable the year before, Kelly had recently sent out that owner’s “speedy, fragile but thoroughly honest” Pet Bully to win the \$100,000-added Washington Park Handicap and the Fall Highweight Handicap at Belmont (under top weight of 136 pounds). Kelly’s efforts with the infirm horse were seen as a “remarkable testimonial to the trainer’s skill and patience.”

Editor’s note: Kelly was inducted into racing’s Hall of Fame in 1993. In a training career that spanned 54 years, he is credited with 65 stakes winners, including 1980 champion sprinter Plugged Nickle.

■ Samuel O. Graham’s horse-breeding savvy had been borne out by the stallion Blenban, standing at Graham’s Tranquility Farm in Purcellville, Va.

A twin who wasn’t cut out to be a race horse, Blenban possessed remarkable bloodlines, as a son of *Blenheim II out of the Blue Larkspur mare Banish Fear.

Blenban was the sire of two stakes winners so far that season, including Another World, who captured the Miss America Turf Stakes at Atlantic City for owner Walter J. Appel and trainer Raymond B. Archer.

■ Nearing the end of a British racing season that had been deemed mediocre, American-bred Never Say Die gave a totally impressive performance in winning the St. Leger, the



Never Say Die returns from victory in the St. Leger with Charley Smirke aboard. Trainer Joe Lawson is at right.

last and longest of the English classics.

“Even allowing for the poorness of the opposition, his display was up to the best standards set by Pinza and *Tulyar of the post-war greats,” wrote columnist Philip deBurgh-O’Brien, adding that “the official margin of 12 lengths over Elopement and four more over Estramadur does not even interpret the ease of an amazing win. . .

“After the race, the American owner, tall, elderly bespectacled Robert Sterling Clark, made his

way into the winning enclosure with tears of joy streaming down his face. The dense crowd set up a mighty cheer as Mr. Clark kissed his champion on both cheeks. It was an unforgettable moment—a picture few of us have ever seen.”

Never Say Die, a son of *Nasrullah “trained to the hour by Joe Lawson,” gave Virginia-based horseman Clark his crowning achievement, having captured the two premier classics of the British turf—the St. Leger and Epsom Derby.

10 YEARS AGO

■ Pictured on the cover was leading Maryland sire Two Punch, who had far outdistanced the state’s other stallions through the first eight months of the season, with progeny earnings of \$1.9 million and eight stakes winners.

Two Punch, a 1983 son of Mr. Prospector out of champion Heavenly Cause (by *Grey Dawn II), entered stud in 1987 and became one of the stalwarts for Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City. He continues to rank among the state’s top sires.

■ Two Punch’s star performer of 1994 was Taking Risks, hero of the Grade 1 Iselin Handicap at Monmouth.

Claimed by Lakeville Stables (Baird Brittingham and Dan Lufkin) and trainer King T. Leatherbury for \$20,000 in November 1993, Taking Risks had bankrolled a whopping \$405,480 in 10 starts to date in 1994, with victories in

four stakes including the Iselin and Baltimore Budweiser Breeders’ Cup Handicap-G3.

Taking Risks was bred by the Liberty Hill Farm of Elliott and Lucy Kessler, who purchased his dam Shiitake (by Green Dancer) for \$2,300 at the 1988 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale.

■ Maryland racing chemist Tom Lomangino became one of the few U.S. representatives ever to be elected president of the Association of Official Racing Chemists, a worldwide organization dedicated to upholding standards.

■ “It’s fun to get a horse and try to figure out what he can do best,” said Maryland horsewoman Christy Clagett, the subject of a profile that highlighted her activities as a leading Amateur Riders Club of America (ARCA) competitor and proprietor of Larking Hill Training Center in Harwood, Md.

25 YEARS AGO

■ Michael Matz was a growing legend in the show world, having captured the American Gold Cup aboard F. Eugene Dixon’s Jet Run for the second consecutive year.

Editor’s note: Twenty-five years later, Matz continues to make headlines. Well-established as a trainer on the flat, he gained his greatest racing victory to date when Brushwood Stable’s Kickin Kris starred in the August 14 Grade 1 Arlington Million.

■ Spring Double ranked as Maryland’s leading sire for the first eight months of the year. The 16-year-old son of Double Jay, standing at Glade Valley Farms in Frederick, was represented by six stakes winners and progeny earnings of \$995,955 through September 4.

■ Seven years after establishing his Honey Acres Farm in

Boys, Md., as a Thoroughbred operation, Alan Kline celebrated his first stakes win—with Peace for Peace, hero of the Timonium Futurity.

Kline started out with virtually no background in the industry, and worked hard to learn the whys and wherefores while converting a turkey farm into a showplace.

■ Poetry and photographs illustrated the pioneering spirit of women jump riders Liz Pearce, Jean Mulcahey, Joey Ruhsam and Patti Miller.

On the occasion of the removal of the word “gentlemen” from “the time honored conditions of the Maryland Hunt Cup,” *Maryland Horse* writer Missy Warfield wondered, “Did the simple elision—the tossing out of a single word—usher in a new era?”

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Randy Cohen savors success with homebreds

Story by JoAnn Guidry
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Randy Cohen holds stakes producers Rose Rouge (left), dam of Red Star Rose, and Skyjak, whose son Carnivorous Habit won or placed in 10 stakes. Skyjak is now deceased.

Randy Cohen's involvement in the Thoroughbred industry has taken him from backstretch employment to race track management to breeding homebred stakes winners. It's a journey that Cohen embarked upon with the best of intentions and that has yielded the best of results.

Cohen, 49, will tell you that he can't remember a time he didn't like horses, particularly race horses.

"There was always something about horse racing that attracted me," he said. "As soon as

I could drive, I went to work for Sonny Hine at Pimlico. And even though it's no longer there, I'll never forget Barn Q at Pimlico. That's where I started getting the best education in horse racing that I could."

That education would be the foundation of all that Cohen has achieved in the Thoroughbred business. In 1984, he established 220-acre Hickory Plains Farm in Ijamsville, Md. Two short years later, the farm produced its first stakes winner in Calico Jak. Since that time, the



Hickory Plains's facilities keep horses in a natural setting, with ample turn-out and lush pastures, generous run-in sheds and indoor turn-out as well.

Cohen name has been attached to many more stakes winners.

His current racing stable boasts no fewer than three homebred stakes winners—True Sensation, Pour It On and Red Velvet Cake.

The top performer is 5-year-old True Sensation, winner of the All Brandy Stakes on August 14 at Pimlico. By former Hickory Plains stallion Itaka, True Sensation was also a stakes winner at 2 and 3, with victories in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes and Twixt Stakes. In 29 career starts, she has earned \$288,622.

Cohen didn't get from Barn Q to True Sensation without a lot of hard work and hard-earned luck. And equal helpings of hands-on and formal education. He was in the first class to graduate from the Race Track Industry Program at the University of Arizona. From there he kept going west to Santa Anita in 1977, where he was an assistant to parimutuel manager George Haines. Back to the East Coast and Cohen put in time as a placing judge at Delaware Park and patrol judge at Pimlico.

"One of the highlights of my career was getting to be the stretch judge for Affirmed and

Alydar's Preakness Stakes," said Cohen. "What a thrill that race was!"

By this time, his father Albert Cohen was racing a Maryland-bred by the name of Cojak. By Cohoes out of Fight On (by Dark Star), Cojak was a multiple stakes winner of \$402,043. Trained by Hine, Cojak won the first division of the 1977 Malibu Stakes-G2. He would also later have a significant influence on the younger Cohen's fortunes in the Thoroughbred breeding business. Cojak finished out his stud career at Hickory Plains and died there in 1995.

"We all enjoyed Cojak's success and because of it, I knew it was time for me to get out of race track management and seriously into the Thoroughbred business," said Cohen. "But first I got into the land development business and founded Cohenterprises Inc."

There is always that first horse that sets the foundation for a Thoroughbred breeder. For Cohen, it was a mare named Alpine Garden. The mare by Creme dela Creme out of Joan's Policy, by *Galant Man, was twice bred to Cojak. Those matings resulted in a stakes producer and a

stakes winner, Skyjak and Calico Jak, respectively.

"Alpine Garden was really the mare who got us going," said Cohen. "We're now into the fourth generation of her bloodlines."

Calico Jak won the 1986 Sentinel Handicap at Philadelphia Park, was second in the Tri-State Futurity at Charles Town, and went on to earn \$108,653. Skyjak, his older full sister, was an allowance runner and earner of \$107,370.

It would be as a broodmare that Skyjak would leave her mark. Skyjak is the dam of multiple stakes winner Carnivorous Habit, by Carnivalay, who won the 1997 Maryland Million Nursery Stakes and was second in that season's Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes. He also won two other stakes and was stakes-placed six other times to earn \$321,085.

Skyjak was also the dam of Extreme Arena, by Smarten, whose offspring include stakes-placed In the Front Row, by Proud Truth. In the Front Row was second in the 2000 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes and earned \$61,576. Skyjak died this year, but Cohen still has Extreme Arena. The latter has

the 2-year-old Richter Scale colt Freight Train, an Our Emblem yearling filly, a Cryptoclearance weanling filly and is in foal to Louis Quatorze.

Cohen has had very good luck in the Maryland Million and Maryland Juvenile Championship races. In 1998, Aggro Crag captured the Maryland Million Steeplechase Handicap, Red Star Rose won the Maryland Juvenile Championship and was second in the Maryland Million Nursery Stakes, and Mysterious Jak was third in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship. Red Star Rose would go on to be named Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old colt that year.

Wait, there's more. In 1999, Tantor was second in the Maryland Juvenile. In 2003, Pour It On won the Maryland Juvenile for fillies and Kwame was third in the Maryland Juvenile for colts.

It should be noted that Cohen bred many of the aforementioned horses in partnership with his father, as well as with Robert Kirkham Sr.

"We try to breed the best we can and we've been very fortunate in both the Maryland Million and Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes," said Cohen. "Those two programs are such great showcases for the Maryland breeding program."

And remember Carnivorous Habit? In a career that spanned six seasons and 59 starts, he slipped into the claiming ranks and Cohen lost him. "But I kept track of him," he said. "Every time he'd get claimed, I'd call his new owner and offer to buy him. Finally two years ago, I bought him for one dollar and brought him home."

Nicknamed "Meatball," Carnivorous Habit is now enjoying "being a lawn ornament and sometime teaser."

Hickory Plains Farm is home to Cohen, his wife Susan and their 16-year-old daughter Alyse. The focus of the operation, managed by Seldon Jackson, is breeding to race, and Cohen maintains a broodmare band of about 20.

He prefers to retire homebred fillies to the band, but will acquire new mares when needed through sales and/or the claiming ranks. Two stars of the present broodmare band are Cojak's daughters Quality Control and Etta.

Quality Control, out of Rich and Righteous, by Search for Gold, earned \$74,620 on the race track. She has produced the aforementioned stakes winner Pour It On, by Cryptoclearance, and stakes-placed Quarter Ton of Fun, by In Case.

In addition to her victory in the 2003 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship, the 3-year-old Pour It On has thirds this season in the Twixt Stakes and Pearl Necklace Stakes. To date, she has earned \$123,930. Quarter Ton of Fun was third in the 2002 Star de Naskra Stakes and has earned \$173,610.

Quality Control has a 2-year-old filly by Diamond named Rock Clause, a yearling filly by Fast Play, a weanling filly by Mt. Livermore, and is in foal to Quiet American.

Stakes winner and stakes producer Etta is out of graded stakes winner Donetta, by *Don Poggio. Cohen purchased Donetta as an older

mare and at 19 she produced Etta. The first two foals Etta produced were stakes-placed Jana (by Lord Avie) and stakes winner Acres, by Cryptoclearance, who won the 2000 Deputed Testamony Stakes on his way to earning \$233,900. Etta has the 2-year-old filly Made of Money, by Mt. Livermore; a yearling filly by Dix-

ieland Heat; and is in foal to Fast Play.

All of the Hickory Plains youngsters are sent to Franklin G. Smith in Ellore, S.C., to be broken and trained. Cohen's Maryland-based racing stable is headed by trainer Hamilton Smith.

"I consider myself very fortunate to be able to be in-

involved in the Thoroughbred industry," said Cohen. "It's really what I always wanted to do and I still enjoy it every day. Not too many people can say that about what they do for a living."



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Ivory Poacher: 1985 to 2004

by Redmond C.S. Finney

Ivory Poacher, the 1993 Maryland Hunt Cup winner and a stalwart member of the Green Spring Hunt for over a dozen years, was euthanized on August 5 due to complications from a kidney tumor.

Ivory Poacher was purchased by Landslide Farm of Upperco, Md., as a timber prospect at age 5. He had been tried briefly by his earlier owner as a hurdle horse, but the big, gray gelding was soon considered too slow in the fast-paced company of hurdle races.

Timber racing proved to be another story, for Ivory Poacher quickly became a contender. He demonstrated tremendous stamina and a magnificent competitive spirit. His biggest problem physically had to do with periodic tears in his tendons and ligaments, probably resulting from his large build along with the prodigious effort he always demanded of himself.

During his prime as a timber horse, he had to miss the equivalent of three whole years of competition in order to mend lesions and tears in his front legs. Rest and, subsequently, controlled foxhunting were his main therapies. He soon became my favorite hunter, and what a magnificent hunter and cross-country horse he was!

The principal National Steeplechase Association races Ivory Poacher won in addition to the Maryland Hunt Cup included the Silver Cup at the Virginia Gold Cup (1991) and My Lady's Manor (1995). He was also second to the great Saluter in the Virginia Gold Cup (1995) and third in the

Grand National, the week before he won the Hunt Cup.

Ivory's win at My Lady's Manor in 1995 tied the course record, a clear testimony to his determined and consistent style of running as opposed to his having any great speed.

To know Ivory was to love and admire him, and everyone who had the privilege of being closely associated with this horse feels strongly this way.

During his timber racing career, he had three co-owners: my brother Jervis Finney and myself, and Jervis's friend and college classmate Lewis Rawlings. His first trainer and the person who recommended Ivory as a timber prospect was Charlie Fenwick Jr. His trainer during most of the years of his racing career was Ann Stewart, trainer at the time Ivory won the Hunt Cup. His jockey was Sanna Neilson Hendriks, now one of the NSA's most successful trainers.

Virtually all of Ivory Poacher's connections, including Sanna Hendriks, Ann Stewart and the Finneys, are close relatives, all being direct descendants of Redmond Stewart, the founder and first Master of the Green Spring Hounds as well as one of the founding members of the Maryland Hunt Cup.

Ivory Poacher quickly earned his nickname, "The Gentle Giant." A solid 17 hands, he had a formidable shoulder and large, powerful hindquarters. Early on he demonstrated the capacity to sense quickly what the venue was going to be, and when he knew that the plan for him was to race or hunt, he was "on the



Ivory Poacher wins the 1993 Maryland Hunt Cup.

muscle" and anxious to go. At the same time, if he was being groomed or washed or led to and from his stall and field, he was quiet and gentle. You could put a child on his back, and he would stand absolutely still or walk quietly and carefully as asked.

He was a wonderful babysitter for our young horses. When the time came for us to wean our foals, we would place Ivory with the broodmares and foals for several weeks until the day came when we would quietly lead the mares out of the field and place them in another pasture significantly removed from the one they left. Without hesitation, Ivory would assume supervision of these youngsters, and the weanlings, soon to be yearlings, would look to Ivory for their cues and guidance. He became their mentor and protector. If necessary, he was their disciplinarian. When any of them would act up or display too much aggressive or silly behavior, Ivory would simply lay back his ears, or give them a gentle nip. When he was taken out of the field to be ridden, the yearlings would watch him leave and greet him when he returned.

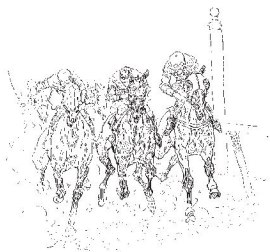
Ivory Poacher was one of the most remarkable riding horses one could ever experience. He performed in a combination of ways that made him absolutely unique. The experience of jumping him, especially when the hounds

were in full cry and on a run, was unbelievably exhilarating. Once Ivory felt that you were completely with him, riding in a centered and balanced way, he would make some prodigious leaps over fences, and the bigger, the better. After I had to undergo back and hip operations, Ivory clearly sensed my weakened condition, and it was honestly as if his body language was asking me if I was okay to go on "full bore," or should we take it a little easy.

How we miss this wonderful horse! And how I miss our daily ride together, every ride commencing with Ivory edging his big frame as close as possible to the mounting block to assist me in getting into the saddle.

There is a memorable poem that Gordon Grand wrote as a tribute to my grandfather Redmond Stewart when Granddaddy died back in 1936. Albeit this poem makes reference to a man and specifically utilizes the word "gentleman," but I am convinced that my grandfather would agree with me that it is appropriate to use the same word to signal the passing of this "Gentle Giant" of a horse:

*The Horn of the Hunter will
sound through the night,
but not with its old lovely music
and light,
for a Hunter has gone from
the field, from the glen,
a Gentleman glorious as men
among men.*



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Foufa's Warrior



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3 & up, Pimlico, Aug. 21.

Ch.g., 2000, by Jade Hunter—Foufa, by Storm Bird. Bred by Sondra Bender and Howard M. Bender; owned by Sondra D. Bender; trained by Lawrence E. Murray. Foaled at Glade Valley Farms, Frederick, Md.

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starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
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2002: 1st \$100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Championship S**, 1½ mi., registered Md.-bred 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 31. **2003:** 1st \$250,000 **Kent Breeders' Cup S-G3** (includes \$100,000 Breeders' Cup Fund), 1½ mi., turf (ncr—1:47.44), 3-year-olds, Delaware, July 20; 2nd **Deputed Testimony S**; 3rd **Illinois Derby-G2**, **Crown Royal American Turf S-G3**, **Humphrey S. Finney S**. **2004:** 1st \$75,000 **Find H**, 1½ mi. (off turf), registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Pimlico, Aug. 21.

The list of scratches for the Find Handicap, which was switched from turf and run on Pimlico's main track on August 21, could have belonged to a who's who of Maryland-bred turf performers, topped by 2002 Maryland-bred turf champion La Reine's Terms.

Still there was talent aplenty among the five horses who contested the race.

Graded stakes performers Foufa's Warrior and Chero-

kee's Boy dueled through the stretch, with Foufa's Warrior finishing a half-length to the good of his heavily backed rival, who was going for his fourth win (and third stakes victory) of the season.

Completing the field were Irish Colony (a winner on 2003 Maryland Million Day), One Eyed Joker (champion Maryland-bred turf runner in 2001) and Move Those Chains (winner of the 2003 Maryland Million Turf).

Foufa's Warrior paid \$8.40 as the second choice, and stopped the timer in 1:50.11.

A stakes winner at 2 and 3, with victories in the Maryland Juvenile Championship and Kent Breeders' Cup Stakes-G3, Foufa's Warrior had only three starts this season leading up to the Find. He gave a big effort, in the words of his trainer Larry Murray, while finishing second in an allowance/optional claiming race at Delaware Park on June 8 and had a troubled trip when finishing a close up fourth in Monmouth Park's July 17 Elkwood Stakes won by Spruce Run.

A turf specialist, Foufa's Warrior has career earnings of \$389,008 from 16 starts.

Foufa's Warrior (by Jade Hunter) campaigns as a home-bred for leading Maryland breeders Howard and Sondra Bender, and is the fifth stakes winner the Benders have bred from Maryland's 2003 broodmare of the year Foufa.

Purchased by the Benders for \$90,000 (in foal to Al Mamoon) at the 1989 Keeneland January sale, Foufa is also the dam of stakes winners Maryland Moon (1989, Al Mamoon, \$420,223), Full Brush (1995, Broad Brush, \$412,082), Certantee (1997, Known Fact, \$279,880) and Media Access (1998, Devil's Bag, \$211,372).

All but Full Brush won stakes in the Benders' colors. And of Foufa's offspring—Maryland Moon and Certantee, in addition to Foufa's Warrior—counted the Find Handicap among their victories. Maryland Moon, also a grass runner, won the Find in 1993, when it was taken off the turf, and came back to finish third in 1994. Certantee won in 2003.

Foufa's Warrior is Foufa's only runner in current competition for the Benders, with Certantee having returned to the farm after one start this season at Colonial Downs.

Murray has high hopes for Foufa's 2-year-old daughter Foufa's Hunter (also by Jade Hunter), who is completing her early education with Barbara Graham at the Middleburg Training Center.

Foufa, 21, hasn't produced a foal for the past two years, and failed to conceive for 2005 to Gulch. "But we're trying to get one more foal out of her,"

said Murray, who manages the Benders' Glade Valley Farms in Frederick, Md. "Next year we'll probably keep her close to home and breed her to a Maryland stallion."

True Sensation



All Brandy Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1½ mi.,
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mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, Aug. 14.

Dk.b./br.m., 1999, by Itaka—True North-
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and Randy L. Cohen; owned by
Hickory Plains; trained by Hamilton A.
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Md.

	Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
29	6	(3)	5	5 (4)	\$288,622 (through Aug. 14)

2001: 1st \$100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S**, 1½ mi., registered Md.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Dec. 29. **2002:** 1st \$75,000 **Twixt S**, 1½ mi., registered Md.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Nov. 23; 3rd **Caesar's Wish S**, **Wide Country S**. **2003:** 3rd **Obeah H. Maryland Racing Media H**. **2004:** 1st \$75,000 **All Brandy S**, 1½ mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Pimlico, Aug. 14.

True Sensation is the current star of Randy Cohen's long-successful Hickory Plains Farm breeding and racing operation (see feature article on page 1 of this newsletter).

A 5-year-old daughter of former Hickory Plains stallion Itaka (a son of Jade Hunter who stood at Cohen's farm until the fall of 2002), True Sensation boosted her career earnings to \$288,622 with her victory in the All Brandy Stakes on August 14.

The All Brandy, originally carded on the turf, had only four starters (three horses were scratched) when it was switched to the main track.



Jim McCue

True Sensation, a winner last season on both dirt and turf, seized the opportunity for her first win in four starts this season. She rallied three-wide in upper stretch and assumed a clear lead, then held sway by a length and a half over runner-up River Cruise. The other two starters, Grace Bay and Sweep Up, faltered and finished far behind.

Final time for the mile and an eighth was 1:53.01. True Sensation paid \$11.20 as the longest-priced starter. River Cruise and Grace Bay were co-favorites at 1.3-1.

True Sensation is the seventh foal and only stakes performer from her dam True Norther (by Far North), whom Cohen purchased in foal to Distinctive Pro for \$9,200 at the 1997 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic February Mixed sale. True Norther, still a member of the Hickory Plains broodmare band, has a yearling colt, Fear the Turtle, by Meadow Monster. She was barren for 2004, and is in foal to Shaded.

Yankee Wildcat



Mister Diz Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5 fur., turf, registered Maryland-breds, 3 & up. Pimlico, Aug. 7.

B.g., 1998, Forest Wildcat—Yankee Maid, by Miswaki. Bred and owned by Mrs. Frank P. Wright; trained by Timothy Tullock Jr. Foaled at Huntingfields, Hampstead, Md.

	Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
24	5 (1)	5	1	\$141,888	
				(through Aug. 20)	

2004: 1st \$75,000 Mister Diz S, 5 fur., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Pimlico, Aug. 7. Set ncr at Pimlico—5 fur., turf, in :55.99.

Ginny and Frank Wright have been among the pillars of the Maryland breeding and racing industry since the late 1980s, when their Valay Maid ranked as one of the best Maryland-breds of the era.

Valay Maid (by Carnivalay) won or placed in 13 stakes, with highlights including victories in the Grade 2 Cotillion and Molly Pitcher Handicaps, a second in the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes-G2 and a third in the 1990 Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1.

Hopes for Valay Maid's broodmare career were not



Jim McCue

entirely fulfilled; none of her offspring have come close to equaling her performance on the race track. From eight foals produced before her death in 2003 of foaling complications (the foal, by Not For Love, was also lost), she has two minor stakes-placed runners: Get the Picture (1996, c., Private Terms) and Groom and Board (1995, g., Rahy).

But Valay Maid's legacy lives on in her grandson Yankee Wildcat, who carried the

Wrights' colors to victory in the Mister Diz Stakes on August 7.

Yankee Wildcat, a 6-year-old son of Forest Wildcat, is out of Valay Maid's first foal, the Miswaki mare Yankee Maid. Yankee Maid retired as a maiden after six starts and earnings of \$12,511, but produced Yankee Wildcat as her first foal.

A grass specialist who has been lightly raced throughout his career, Yankee Wildcat had

Maryland State Fair



Grand champion Thoroughbred and best Maryland-bred was Barbara Ryan's yearling filly Hidden Persuasion (Eastover Court—Little Winkel, by Mt. Ruritania). Brian Magness of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association made the presentation to Ryan.



Grand champion non-Thoroughbred was Leslie Long's Fame and Fortune, a 2-year-old Paint gelding by Hall of Fame (an Oldenburg/Thoroughbred cross) out of Wilhemina's Flight, a Thoroughbred by Aaron's Concorde. Brian Magness gave the award to handler Ira Zimmerman.

Barrie B. Reigister (2)

his best season to date in 2004, with Tim Tullock as his trainer. He set a new course record (:55.99) for five furlongs on the turf at Pimlico while winning his season's debut, an allowance race on June 4. Brought back in the John McSorley Stakes at Monmouth Park on July 11, he was beaten only a length while in sixth place.

That race served as a sharpener for the Mister Diz, which drew a competitive field of eight. Yankee Wildcat rushed to the fore and never looked back, covering the five furlongs in :22.81, :46.61 and :58.75. Nortouch, the 1.9-1 favorite, rallied for second, three and a half lengths behind, and was followed by (in order of finish) Quest of Fate, Saay Mi Name, Spring Kitten, Elberton, Second in Command and Ghostly Numbers. Yankee Wildcat carried 119 pounds, as did each of his rivals except Quest of Fate (124).

Yankee Wildcat finished out his 2004 campaign with a second to Nortouch in allowance (\$40,000 optional claim-

ing) company on August 20 at Pimlico, and is back at Huntingfields, where he will remain until grass racing begins next spring.

Yankee Wildcat is the third horse the Wrights have bred and raced to win the Mister Diz. Others are Tyaskin, who won the race in 1998, finished third in 1999, and came back at age 8 to finish second in 2001, and North Carroll (1992).

Two of Valay Maid's daughters are among the Wrights' 15-member broodmare band. Yankee Maid has a yearling colt, Yankee Spirit, by Crowd Pleaser, and a weanling filly by Partner's Hero. She is in foal for 2005 to Waquoit. The other mare is Wee Irish Star, an unraced 5-year-old by Irish River (Fr), who has yet to produce a live foal.

Still to make his mark is Valay Maid's final foal, a 2-year-old Pleasant Tap colt named Pleasant Beau, whom the Wrights have in training with Tullock.

Sunpapers editor responds to outcry over cutbacks in racing coverage

The Baltimore Sun's recent cutback in racing coverage, and its current practice of publishing abridged race charts, is a serious concern for the MHBA and its members.

Following is a letter to MHBA executive director Cricket Goodall from Sun sports editor Randy Harvey:

I can't believe there is anyone in the Maryland horse industry who has not contacted me yet.

Yes, you are correct, there are some very upset people. What they might not understand is that this was not a decision directed at horse racing. We've had significant space cuts this summer and have had to cut back in all areas. We are hoping for

a restoration of our space, which would enable us to expand the charts.

Thanks for the offer to help sponsor the charts, but it's not really something we can accept.

I think you'll see in the coming weeks and months that we remain committed to horse racing coverage. We certainly realize how important the industry is to the state and to the newspaper.

Contact me any time.

Sincerely,
Randy Harvey
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Empty Nest euthanized

EEmpty Nest, a prized member of Howard and Sondra Bender's broodmare band at Glade Valley Farms in Frederick, Md., was euthanized on September 13 due to infirmities of old age. She was 26.

Empty Nest (No Robbery—Everglow, by Jacinto) was purchased by Glade Valley's then-managing partner, Robert A. Leonard, at the 1982 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sales for \$45,000, while carrying her first foal, by Apalachee.

From a family of solid producers (she was a half-sister to Grade 1 winner and graded stakes producer Comedy Act and two other stakes winners), Empty Nest appealed to Leonard as a potential nick with Glade Valley's stallion Rollicking.

And that prediction proved correct as Empty Nest pro-

duced in rapid succession two Maryland Million stars by that leading Maryland sire: King's Nest (\$513,024), who won or placed in 10 stakes, including victories in the 1988 King's Bishop Stakes-G3 and Maryland Million Sprint; and Mister S. M. (\$400,098), who counted among his eight stakes wins or placings victories in the Garden State Stakes-G3 and a track record-setting performance in the Maryland Million Classic (1988), and a second in the Maryland Million Sprint (1987).

Empty Nest produced 11 other foals, three of whom sold at auction for \$175,000 or more. Her Deputy Minister son Dalton Jo brought \$250,000 at the 1990 Keeneland July sale. 🐾



MARYLAND FOAL REPORT

ALINA GATO, by Cozzene, b.f., April 16, by Lear Fan. Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Seeking Daylight.

ALWUJET, by Alwuhush, b.f., February 28, by Mojave Moon. William Mailley.

ANNE'S GEM, by Northern Jove, ch.f., April 17, by Jazz Club. Preston I. Moffett. Mare to Outflanker.

ASHBY CREEK, by Opening Verse, b.c., April 2, by Eastern Echo. James Lawrence. Mare to Seeking Daylight.

ASHBY'S ASSET, by Deposit Ticket, ch.c., April 18, by Jazz Club. Litz Bloodstock Agency.

BEAR FEET, by Winged T., b.c., March 25, by Eastern Echo. Morgan Wayson.

BLUSHING MOON, by Indian Groom, b.c., May 28, by Jazz Club. Don Litz. Mare to Seeking Daylight.

BUCKLE UP, by Caveat, dk.b./br.c., March 4, by Jazz Club. Elizabeth Collard. Mare to Outflanker.

CELESTIAL WINGS, by Winged T., b.f., May 15, by Purple Passion. Peter Shannon.

CHARLES' CITY, by Citidancer, ch.c., April 15, by Who's Your Daddy. Kelly L. Bailey and Carol Lemeschewsky. Mare to Who's Your Daddy.

COOL FANTASY, by Air Forbes Won, b.f., April 13, by In Case. Rainbow Stables. Mare to Sahm.

EILEEN R, by Cozzene, b.c., March 26, by Lear Fan. Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Not For Love.

FAIRWAY SCENE, by Cozzene, b.f., March 20, by Polish Miner. Carey K. Miller. Mare to Outflanker.

FETCH N CARRY, by Alleged, b.c., April 3, by Jazz Club. Don Lit. Mare to Eastern Echo.

FLORES, by Bold Forbes, b.f., May 6, by Ameri Valay. Sinatra TB Racing and Breeding LLC and William Niarakis. Mare to Ameri Valay.

GEMSTONE, by Graustark, ch.c., May 11, by Two Punch. Preston I. Moffett. Mare to Holy Bull.

GRETEL'S CHORE, by Hansel, b.f., January 31, by Jazz Club. Eddie D. Gaudet. Mare to Rock Slide.

HANNERLY, by Dancing Count, b.f., March 15, by Eastern Echo. Jim Steele. Mare to Seeking Daylight.

HASTY URSULA, by Hasty Flyer, b.c., April 28, by Jazz Club. William Niarakis. Mare to Purple Passion.

HOLIDAY BALL, by Black Tie Affair (Ire), dk.b./br.c., May 10, by Jazz Club. Carey K. Miller. Mare to Outflanker.

HURRICANE WATCH, by Housebuster, dk.b./br.f., February 27, by Two Punch. Carey K. Miller. Mare to Rock Slide.

JULIETS SEQUENCE, by Christopher R., ch.f., April 30, by Ameri Valay. John A. Hartner. Mare to Eastern Echo.

KANGA, by Deerhound, b.c., April 25, by Kokand. Kelly L Bailey and Urban Deiter Jr.

KATHLEEN THE QUEEN, by Rougemont, b.c., May 19, by Jazz Club. Joseph Ayres Jr. Mare to Seeking Daylight.

LASTING TUNE, by Prospector's Music, b.f., March 10, by Ameri Valay. Memory Lane Farm. Mare to Ameri Valay.

LIZZIE R, by Cozzene, b.c., April 24, by Eastern Echo. Timothy J. Rooney. Mare to Smart Strike.

MAJESTIC DREAM, by Majestic Light, ch.f., April 23, by Jazz Club. Don Lit. Mare to Rock Slide.

MISTRESS MONTAGUE, by Gallant Romeo, ch.c., March 30, by Eastern Echo. John A. Hartner.

MY AUNT DIANNE, by Norquestor, ch.f., February 20, by Eastern Echo. Jim Steele. Mare to Jazz Club.

REDEPLOYED, by M. Double M., ch.c., May 5, by Meadow Monster. John Salzman. Mare to Rock Slide.

REGALLINO, by Robellino, b.c., March 20, by Not For Love. Al-

fred H. Smith Jr. Mare to Jazz Club.

RUSHING PACES, by Thirty Eight Paces, b.f., April 22, by Ameri Valay. Morgan Wayson. Mare to Seeking Daylight.

SALLY Q, by Norquestor, b.c., April 23, by Jazz Club. David DiPietro and Herb May III. Mare to Outflanker.

SEEKING BRILLIANCE, by Seeking the Gold, ch.c., May 7, by Jazz Club. Memory Lane Farm. Mare to Ameri Valay.

SEPTEMBER SARAH, by Tamayaz, dk.b./br.c., February 29, by Ameri Valay. Memory Lane Farm. Mare to Ameri Valay.

SILVER CHARMER, by Hoist the Silver, b.f., May 16, by Jazz Club. Joseph Ayres Jr. Mare to Jazz Club.

SILVER N SATIN, by Silver Deputy, ch.f., February 7, by Broken Vow. At Last Farm LLC. Mare to Broken Vow.

SIX REASONS, by Saratoga Six, b.f., April 15, by Lion Hearted. Katrina Mankowich. Mare to Outflanker.

SLIM SHOT, by Brave Shot (GB), ch.c., March 30, by Eastern Echo. Allen Codd. Mare to Eastern Echo.

STRAWBERRY CITY, by Citidancer, b.c., May 28, by Allen's Prospect. Mrs Orme Wilson Jr.

THE GREEN OWL, by Carson City, b.c., February 5, by Stormy Atlantic. Margaret M. Addis. Mare to Holy Bull.

TRULY MOLLY, by Jungle Blade, b.c., February 1, by Jazz Club. Chris Everett. Mare to Outflanker.

Maryland's top 20 earners in 2004

(through September 14)

1. Our New Recruit \$1,263,800
2. Love of Money . . . 513,000
3. Slew Valley . . . 348,360
4. He Loves Me . . . 274,000
5. Bronze Abe . . . 236,900
6. Angela's Love . . . 189,940
7. Declan's Moon . . . 179,400
8. Chrusciki . . . 152,970
9. Water Cannon . . . 142,500
10. Niclie . . . 140,670
11. Two Bayou . . . 137,667
12. Frisky Spider . . . 137,200
13. Tres Touche . . . 134,010
14. Cherokee's Boy . . 128,290
15. Gotaghostofachance 120,600
16. Shiny Sheet . . . 120,450
17. Ribbon Cane . . . 119,160
18. Rollicking Caller . . 100,368
19. Class Concern . . . 89,233
20. Kitty Knight . . . 87,030

Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on September 16. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2004

Not For Love	161	850	84	143	\$4,116,680
Allen's Prospect	170	945	79	116	2,326,260
Polish Numbers	123	599	56	85	2,172,130
Two Punch	126	647	53	90	2,095,530
Louis Quatorze	124	606	47	77	2,056,220
Partner's Hero	83	488	41	63	1,262,590
Citidancer	73	398	35	60	1,218,030
Appealing Skier	73	447	43	68	1,145,120
Go for Gin	70	396	28	52	1,103,900
Waquoit	67	364	27	43	959,965
Eastern Echo	78	460	39	58	930,411
Outflanker	55	320	35	57	924,631
Carnivalay	74	442	31	51	910,807
Norquestor	51	286	23	42	779,869
Larrupin'	48	287	27	37	715,729

2-year-old earnings in 2004

Allen's Prospect	20	56	4	4	\$160,397
†Lion Hearted	6	16	4	5	133,467
Meadow Monster	17	40	4	5	123,473
Citidancer	4	11	2	3	106,590
Partner's Hero	7	18	3	3	89,153
Polish Numbers	7	13	1	2	78,870
Outflanker	9	22	4	4	76,130
Two Punch	13	27	2	2	75,109
Louis Quatorze	18	38	2	2	58,815
Appealing Skier	6	12	4	4	49,788
Not For Love	7	13	1	1	46,850
†Unbridled Jet	15	32	0	0	42,860

Earnings lifetime

Allen's Prospect	758	18,105	609	2,700	\$42,328,600
Two Punch	594	11,589	464	1,798	35,212,900
Smarten	507	12,271	388	1,685	26,937,300
Carnivalay	462	11,805	369	1,649	26,188,300
Horatius	589	14,835	463	1,890	25,860,100
Caveat	365	10,902	294	1,328	25,764,600
Polish Numbers	393	6,883	309	1,041	25,344,200
Waquoit	396	9,429	305	1,315	22,808,900
Norquestor	292	8,217	252	1,205	20,210,100
Not For Love	255	4,318	201	730	19,793,400
Citidancer	244	5,217	202	939	18,324,700
Eastern Echo	313	6,117	226	832	17,970,500
Deputed Testamony . .	331	9,587	253	1,338	17,344,400
Oh Say	413	9,767	346	1,445	17,086,900

2-year-old earnings lifetime

Allen's Prospect	389	1,333	150	207	\$4,815,680
Two Punch	303	976	121	156	3,842,910
Smarten	278	1,195	112	157	3,769,760
Polish Numbers	212	638	74	112	3,381,110
Eastern Echo	194	715	66	91	2,797,970
Citidancer	132	498	71	108	2,596,030
Carnivalay	241	988	86	120	2,441,650
Not For Love	114	382	58	75	2,237,590
Waquoit	180	635	53	77	1,783,120
Horatius	267	991	99	134	1,642,260
Caveat	199	847	61	78	1,624,820
Oh Say	149	567	65	90	1,451,980
Baederwood	147	639	65	94	1,424,130
Shelter Half	140	562	67	105	1,383,870

'View' From The Shed

NORTHVIEW STALLION STATION'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DOMESTIC DISPUTE TO ENTER STUD IN '05!



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David Bienstock, Paul Mandabach and Chuck Winner's multiple graded stakes winner **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** (center)

will retire at the end of the year to stand at Northview for 2005. **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** will be syndicated, with a limited number of shares available for \$30,000 each, payable over three years, with shareholders getting two seasons each in the first three years. His stud fee has been set at \$5,000 live foal, due when the foal stands and nurses. In the event he wins a Grade I or Breeders' Championship Day race the share price and stud fee will be adjusted accordingly.

"We are excited about the future of **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** beyond his racing career," said Chuck Winner. "We stayed in for a piece of him and plan to support him with some of our better fillies that will be coming off of the race track this year. We think he is a perfect fit for the breeders of the Mid-Atlantic and that Northview is the perfect spot for him to begin his new career."

The leading earner this year for Unbridled's Song, who is currently ranked 11th on the national sires lists, **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** scored in the Strub Stakes-G2 at Santa Anita in February, prompting a trip to Dubai for the World Cup-G1, in which he was sixth. Since his Dubai trip, **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** has returned to run twice at Del Mar, finishing second to Kela in the Pat O'Brien Breeders' Cup Handicap-G2 while outfinishing Pico Central (Brz), and just failing to catch Supah Blitz, losing by a nose after a furious stretch drive, in the Del Mar Breeders' Cup Handicap-G2 on Sept. 5. The handsome 4-year-old liver chestnut colt has earned \$403,428 of his career total \$693,115 this year, and has a record of three wins, four seconds and two thirds from 19 lifetime starts.

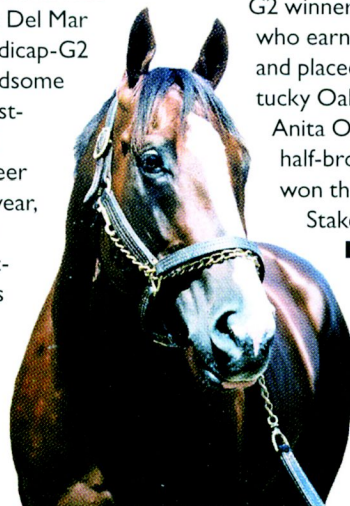
"Northview has finally found the outcross stallion that we have been

looking for," said Northview's managing partner Richard Golden. "**DOMESTIC DISPUTE** is a multiple Grade 2 winner on the dirt, by a world-class American sire, with speed from six furlongs to nine furlongs. This is a very tough combination to find for our breeders, in a true outcross stallion."

Bred in Kentucky by Gary Garber, **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** was twice stakes-placed at 2. Second in the Hollywood Futurity-G1 (behind Toccet), he was also second in the Sunny Slope Stakes at Santa Anita. In his 3-year-old debut, **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** scored by a decisive three lengths in Santa Anita's Santa Catalina Stakes-G2 over Our Bobby V. and Scrimshaw. Three months later, he finished third to Scrimshaw in Keeneland's Grade 2 Lexington Stakes.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE is one of only two foals out of his graded stakes-placed dam Majestical Moment (\$135,959, 2nd Bay Meadows Oaks-G3, etc.). Majestical Moment (by Northern Dancer's son Magesterial) was a half-sister to La Canada Stakes-G2 winner Dianes Halo, who earned \$337,210 and placed in the Kentucky Oaks-G1 and Santa Anita Oaks-G1. Her half-brother Pugnacious won the 1996 Rushaway Stakes. **DOMESTIC DISPUTE**'s

female line traces back to Mysterious East (his fifth dam), a full sister to the immortal Native Dancer.



LOVE OF MONEY DESTROYS THE FIELD IN THE \$750,000 PENNSYLVANIA DERBY-G2!



Jay Em Ess Stable's **LOVE OF MONEY** turned what was supposed to be the biggest test of his young career into child's play when he demolished 11 challengers—including Wood Memorial G1 winner TAPIT—by 8 1/2 lengths to capture the \$750,000 Pennsylvania Derby (G2) at Philadelphia Park in his first graded stakes start.

The Richard Dutrow, Jr. trained **NOT FOR LOVE**

colt handily headed at every call of Philadelphia Park's signature contest before crossing the wire in 1:48.42 over a fast track under a hand ride from jockey Robby Albarado.

"The way the track was carrying speed, I thought if I could get away good and I can get any kind of breather he's going to sprint home, and he did," Albarado commented.

Bred in Maryland by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sutton, and Milton Higgins III, Love of Money improved his earnings to \$513,000 while becoming his sire's eighth career graded stakes winner.

A half brother to multiple stakes winner ASTRID, he is out of the winning SMARTEN mare Mescalina, who is a half-sister to Grade 3 winner SHEILA'S PROSPECT and stakes winner LITE TWILIGHT.



BRUNCH & STALLION SHOW RESCHEDULED TO DEC. 12TH!

With the recent addition of new stallions **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** and **GREAT NOTION**, Northview Stallion Station is rescheduling its fifth annual Brunch and



Stallion Show to Sunday, December 12th to accommo-

date the two new arrivals. Everyone is invited to check out Northview's entire 2005 sire lineup.

Brunch will be served at 11am with the 'Parade of Stallions,' featuring all Maryland-based Northview stallions, commencing about noon.

Reservations are now being accepted by the Northview business office. Call 410-885-2855.

GREAT NOTION, THE FIRST SON OF LEADING SIRE ELUSIVE QUALITY TO ENTER STUD IN THE MID-ATLANTIC!

Stakes winner **GREAT NOTION**, a son of the nation's current leading sire ELUSIVE QUALITY, has been retired and will stand his first season in 2005. **GREAT NOTION** will be syndicated, with a limited number of shares available for \$20,000 each, payable over three years, with shareholders getting two seasons each in the first three years. His stud fee has been set at \$3,500 live foal, due when the foal stands and nurses.

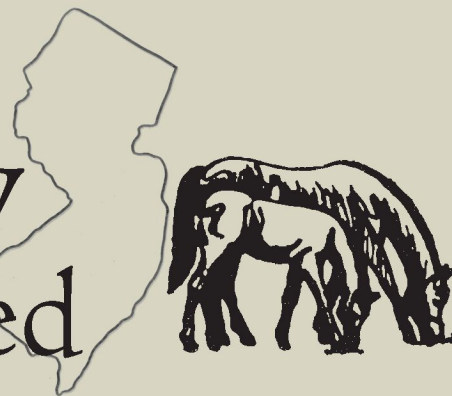
A top-class sprinter who could stretch his speed to a

mile, **GREAT NOTION** repeatedly faced the top sprinters of his generation, winning or placing in five stakes from 12 career starts and earning \$194,608. An undefeated juvenile who broke his maiden going six furlongs in 1:09 4/5 at Churchill Downs, **GREAT NOTION** was sensational in winning Oaklawn Park's one-mile Southwest Stakes early in his 3-year-old season by nine lengths over Alke, with Comic Truth and Sir Cherokee also in the beaten field.



One of **GREAT NOTION**'s most impressive performances came in Saratoga's Grade I King's Bishop Stakes. Leading every step but the last, through fractions of :21.76, :43.79 and 1:08.67 in the seven-furlong test, **GREAT NOTION** missed by a neck to Valid Video while defeating current handicap star Ghostzapper. Final time was 1:22.14. The 13-horse field boasted nine graded stakes winners, and those finishing behind Great Notion included During, Posse, Eye of the Tiger, Zavata and Scrimshaw.

THE New Jersey Thoroughbred



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Monmouth Park to host 2007 Breeders' Cup

Horsemen applaud governor for
signing four pro-racing bills

Capping off an extraordinary day for New Jersey Thoroughbred racing, Governor James E. McGreevey signed four racing bills into law on August 8, following the announcement that the Breeders' Cup will be held at Monmouth Park in 2007.

"What an incredible day for New Jersey Thoroughbred racing," said Dennis Drazin, general counsel to the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. "New Jersey's Thoroughbred horsemen have worked for two years to bring the Breeders' Cup here, starting with a visit I made to Saratoga in 2002 and then a follow-up visit to Kentucky in 2003. Everything was done in partnership with the governor, his administration and the Sports Authority. Obviously, we showed Breeders' Cup that Monmouth Park, its staff and the state's Thoroughbred horsemen are committed to racing, and that we are a first-class operation ready to host the world's greatest day of racing. To say the least, I'm thrilled."

Here is a synopsis of each racing bill:

Leasing of Monmouth Park and Meadowlands Racetracks (S1127/A2232)

Sponsored by Senators Paul Sarlo and Joseph Kyrillos as well as Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Roberts and Assemblymen Michael Panter and Bob Morgan, this bill permits the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority to lease its race tracks and to assign off-track wagering and account wagering licenses.

In addition, S1127/A2232 permits the NJSEA to lease Meadowlands and Monmouth Park to a private entity. The New Jersey Thoroughbred horse industry strongly believes a lease of the race track(s)

is more desirable than a sale, because it ensures the state will retain oversight of important issues like preservation of live racing, upkeep of the track and facilities, and support for horsemen's programs that promote breeding and development of the industry. Thoroughbred horsemen would also support an arrangement ensuring that the world-class management team that currently runs racing for the NJSEA remains in place for the foreseeable future.

While establishing a racing calendar for the years 2004 through 2016, and purse level guarantees for 2004 through 2007, the Thoroughbred industry lobbied hard to ensure the proper language in the settlement agreement and contract, which was signed by all New Jersey racing interests, to ensure no entity leasing the race tracks could alter that settlement agreement and contract.

Workers' Compensation Coverage for Exercise Riders (A2895/S1617)

Sponsored by Senator Ellen Karcher and Assemblywoman Linda Stender, Assemblymen Patrick Diegnan, Michael Panter and Bob Morgan, this bill extends workers' compensation coverage under the New Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Board to Thoroughbred exercise riders who pay applicable state and federal taxes.

A2895/S1617 was introduced when the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association decided to use a portion of the New Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation Fund to increase the number of employees covered by workers' compensation.

The New Jersey Horse Racing Injury Compensation fund was established in 1995 through an assessment on Thoroughbred earnings. It was

Racing bills

continued

Futurity payment reminder

The second payment of \$150 for the 2005 New Jersey Futurity must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2004.

The initial nomination of \$100 for the 2006 New Jersey Futurity must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2004.

always the intention of the NJTHA to cover all backstretch employees with money from the fund, but due to coverage costs, the NJTHA has only been able to extend coverage to jockeys and apprentice jockeys, with the hope of increasing coverage to other backstretch workers as funds become available. The NJTHA has decided that the next group to receive coverage will be exercise riders, given the potential for injury while exercising a horse.

Out of State Breeder Awards (A2165/S968)

Sponsored by Senator Stephen Sweeney and Assemblymen Jeff Van Drew, Michael Panter, Bob Morgan and Ronald Dancer, this measure would extend eligibility for Thoroughbred breeder awards to breeders of New Jersey horses who earn purse money in out-of-state races.

A2165/S968 was developed to address the drastic decline of the New Jersey Thoroughbred breeding industry. According to the Department of Agriculture Horse Census of 1997, New Jersey's Thoroughbred industry has lost two-thirds of its Thoroughbred horses, Thoroughbred farms, Thoroughbred foals, and registered Thoroughbred stallions from 1987 through 1997. Given the decline, which continues, New Jersey Thoroughbred breeders are looking forward to the out-of-state breeder awards program as a means of supplementing the in-state program, providing four additional months for New Jersey breeders to collect breeder awards. The award would not have equal status with New Jersey's in-state Thoroughbred breeder awards program,

and would only take effect after 100 percent of Thoroughbred breeder awards are paid for races held in-state. It will not pay awards to New Jersey bred horses running in out-of-state contests while live Thoroughbred racing is being conducted in New Jersey, and no provision of this proposal would alter the current in-state Thoroughbred breeder awards program.

The NJTBA and the NJTHA will be working with key legislators this fall to identify a stable source of funding to support the program, which will also help preserve thousands of acres of equine-related farmland and open space.

Expanding the Duties of the Racing Commission (A473)

Sponsored by Assemblymen Ronald Dancer, Michael Panter and Bob Morgan, this bill expands the duties of the racing commission to include advocacy of growth, development and promotion of horse racing.

Thoroughbred horsemen and breeders believe that our regulator's decision to allow New Jersey's race tracks to decrease the number of Thoroughbred racing dates scheduled each year since the mid-1980s has directly contributed to the loss of Thoroughbred horses, foals, stallions and farms in New Jersey. It is the horsemen and breeders' hope that the expanded duties provided for in this bill will foster a greater care and understanding by our regulators to address issues such as the need to preserve live Thoroughbred racing in our state.

War's Prospect wins Rumson Stakes



W.A.R. Stable's War's Prospect, a New Jersey-bred son of Lion Cavern, set the early pace and never looked back en route to victory in the \$60,000 Rumson Stakes on August 14 at Monmouth Park.

Jockey Jose Ferrer sent the 2003 New Jersey-bred champion 2-year-old gelding to the lead from the gate and clipped off fractions of :21.46 and :43.57 before posting a final time of 1:08.67 for the six furlongs.

"The plan was to try to go gate-to-wire," said trainer William D. Anderson. "I thought he could handle a field of this caliber because he has been running against some tough competition recently."

War's Prospect earned \$45,600 for his victory, including an additional \$10,800 that is part of the 30 percent supplement available to all New Jersey-breds who compete in open company.

War's Prospect became the second consecutive New Jersey-bred to win the Rumson, following last year's victory by Gators N Bears.

Park Avenue Ball captures Tyro Stakes



Char-Mari Stable's Park Avenue Ball captured the \$60,000 Tyro Stakes for 2-year-old colts at Monmouth Park on July 31.

Park Avenue Ball, trained by James Ryerson, was coming off an impressive five-length victory on July 15 in which he completed five furlongs in :58:44.

In the Tyro, his second career start, Park Avenue Ball sat behind the speed in fourth along the backstretch. The Citidancer colt made a four-wide bid around the far turn and drew clear under jockey Dale Beckner.

Bred in New Jersey by his owners, Park Avenue Ball earned the following for his victory: \$34,800 for first place, \$10,800 for the 30 percent enhancement that goes to New Jersey-breds in open races, a \$5,000 breeder award and a \$4,560 owner's open award from the TBANJ. Total earnings for Park Avenue Ball were \$55,160 for a \$60,000 race.

New Jersey-bred filly brings \$140,000 at Saratoga Yearling sale

ANew Jersey-bred filly by Tale of the Cat sold for \$140,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Selected Yearling sale on August 12. The filly, consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, was purchased by Dapple Bloodstock, agent.

Dennis A. Drazin bred the filly from the good stakes-winning mare Kerygma (by Drone). Kerygma had 15 wins from 2 to 5 and earned \$548,216. She was a stakes winner of nine races, including the Straight Deal Handicap, My Juliet Handicap, Francis Scott Key Stakes and Dahlia Stakes. Kerygma has seven foals of racing age.

Mare and Foal Show results



TBA Board member Mary Jo Herbert (right), presents the Woodside Farm Trophy to Dianne Boyken (center) and Tracy Cadorette (left).



Carolyn Sleeter (far left) and New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Lynn Mathews present the Beauridge Farm Trophy to Felice Busto (center) and Gina Santorio (right).



Bo Smith (right) presents the Bonnets O'Blue Trophy for champion younger foal to George Vlcej (center) and Kathleen Guenther (left).



Dianne Boyken accepts the award for her champion yearling filly, a daughter of My Prince Charming, from TBA executive director Mike Campbell.



The connections from Perfenick Farm with their yearling grand champion. Pictured from left to right are Betty Fenick, Aracele Vera, Stephanie Fenick, Stewart Fenick and Miguel Vera.

Dianne Boyken's Quiet Empress, a 7-year-old bay daughter of Quiet American—Empress of Love, by Czaravich, won the Woodside Farm Trophy as the top-placed broodmare at the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey's Mare and Foal Show and Yearling Show, which took place on August 22 at the Horse Park of New Jersey.

Quiet Empress is in foal to My Prince Charming, who stands at Boyken's Four Winds Farm in Freehold, N.J.

Serving as judge was Ed Gager, a former breeder and trainer who is also an equine

dentist and the author of the book *Sound Mouth-Sound Horse*. Gager is the proprietor of Fox Chase Farm in Southampton.

The Beauridge Farm Trophy was awarded to Sea Horse Stables LLC's chestnut gelding by Not For Love—Gold Corazon, by Gold Meridian, who took top honors in the older foal division. He was foaled February 6 at Four Winds Farm.

The Bonnets O'Blue Trophy for top younger foal was awarded to Tee-N-Jay Farm's bay colt by Crafty Friend—Rose Dawn, by Colonial Affair, foaled April 18 at Tee-N-Jay Farm in Jamesburg.

Taking the yearling grand championship, as well as top honors in Class I for yearling colts, was Perfenick Farm's bay colt by Awad—Double Greatness, by Great Above. The colt was bred by his owner, and foaled at Four Winds Farm.

The top yearling filly was Boyken's bay colt by My Prince Charming—Daring Dottie, by Journey At Sea, foaled at Four Winds Farm.

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News and notes from the board

Our NCTA Breeders' Cup Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, at the Shriners Lodge in High Point, N.C. While the highlight of the day is the Breeders' Cup races, a silent auction will be featured, along with the standard great food and good fellowship. For reservations, call our secretary/treasurer at (800) 957-3490. Plan to attend and bring some friends.

With the North Carolina State Fair fast approaching, the NCTA is hoping visitors will flock to our booth to review highlights of the racing industry, including the racing and breeding successes of our members. There are still opportunities to help staff the booth. If interested, call (800) 957-3490.

In addition, board elections are coming up and plans continue for our stallion auction and our annual membership drive.

For more information on any of these activities or for details on how to participate, see our Web site www.ncthoroughbreds.com or call (800) 957-3490.

NCTA Web site

www.ncthoroughbreds.com

Updates are now posted on the site.

Check out the calendar of events and sellers corner.

Hoofprints

Mona Gardella of Rough Diamond Farm, Aberdeen, N.C., hosted her first yearling preview show featuring horses she was taking to the Keeneland September Sales. The yearlings, syndicated by Southern Pines local residents, were each shown in hand while pedigrees were covered. Those in attendance enjoyed refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres.

New NCTA member Lucy Taylor of Dreamcatcher Horse Farm in Winston-Salem, N.C., has two stallions she is promoting.

Gold I. D., a 5-year-old bay son of Caller I. D. out of the Red Ryder mare Prissy Gold Digger, will stand the 2005 breeding season at November Hill Farm in Dublin, Pa. Her second stallion, Gooree Lane, a 1993 bay by Cahill Road—Crystal Goddess, by Dr. Fager, will stand the 2005 season at Dreamcatcher Horse Farm. Arrangements to view Gooree Lane's 2004 weanlings or the farm's seven broodmares can be made by calling (336) 998-0197 or (336) 768-8817. Ms. Taylor will gladly share pedigrees and answer questions.

On August 26, Jim and Carolyn Hardin celebrated when their gelding, Hot Nuggets, set most of the fractions to win a six-furlong race by five lengths at Penn National. They look forward to his next effort.

Bob and Dianne Sanford of Hillsborough, N.C., are anticipating a maiden win for Harriett's Gem, out of their stakes-producing mare Sir Harriett. Their 2-year-old Diamond filly is in training at Delaware Park.

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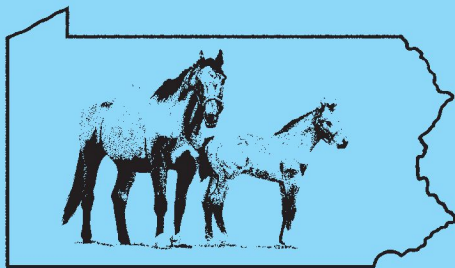
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2004 PA DAY AT THE RACES. . . and more

The fourth edition of Pennsylvania's Day at the Races is in the books, and again, it proved to be an afternoon not to be missed. Nearly 400 guests of PHBA turned out at Philadelphia Park for the festivities of the Saturday, September 4, program, highlighted by five \$50,000 PA-bred stakes races.

Caught in the Rain continued as the queen of this day, taking the Mrs. Penny Stakes for the third time in as many years. The 6-year-old mare made her patented late run to score by six widening lengths under topweight of 124 pounds, registering her eighth lifetime win in 24 starts for trainer Lupe Preciado, and boosting her career earnings to \$412,974.

Other winners on the card were:

Barbara Geraghty's 3-10 favorite **Prince Joseph** in the Lil E. Tee, which was the third stakes win against PA-breds this summer for this son of **Harry the Hat**, bred by the estate of Sidney M. Baer.

Hero's Glow, a non-winner in three starts in 2004, held off the late-running **Valleyman** in the Devil's Honor, giving Preciado his second winner on the PA-bred card.

Namequest, an 8-year-old who last year won the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup at Penn National, caught **Shades of Sunny** right before the wire in the Robert W. Camac Memorial for his third straight win.

A Vision in Gray scored in the Ambassador of Luck Handicap, her first stakes score in nearly two years, having taken the 2002 Blue

Mountain Juvenile Stakes at Penn National for owners Lorraine Barbarino, who was isolated in Florida fending off Hurricane Frances, and Tim Ritchey.

The "Day" has become an attractive part of Philadelphia Park's Labor Day weekend. With the addition of substantial slot revenues, look for a much bigger and much better Pennsylvania's Day at the Races in the immediate future.

More. . .

In six starts this year, **Presidentialaffair** has won the Grade 3 Salvator Mile Handicap and the Skip Away Stakes at Monmouth Park, and most recently was second to **Ghost-zapper**, whom many believe is the top older horse currently in training, in the Grade 3 Iselin. A product of Lori and Jeff Swatsworth's 2003 Pennsylvania Broodmare of the Year **Quite Amazing**, the aptly named son of **Not For Love** is approaching \$400,000 in lifetime earnings, with many lucrative opportunities awaiting.

In another reference to the Blue Mountain Juvenile, last year's winner **Lovely Afternoon** dead heated for first in the Grade 3 Arlington Breeders' Cup Oaks on August 21, the second win of the season for the \$52,000 yearling daughter of **Afternoon Deelites** bred by Deborah Rush's Two Sisters Farm.

Mrs. Timothy (Nina) Gardner is the breeder of **Poor Iggy**, first PA-bred stakes-winning 2-year-old of the season. A \$30,000 Keeneland yearling, this son of **Peaks and**



Presentation for A Vision in Gray's Ambassador of Luck Handicap featured owner/trainer Tim Ritchey (left), jockey Jeremy Rose and PA Senator Dominic Pileggi.

Valleys recently took the \$40,000 Edmonton Juvenile Stakes.

PA-bred yearlings selling at Saratoga in August included a \$1.5 million **A.P. Indy** filly out of **Seebe**, a \$140,000 **Thunder Gulch—Silent Cat** colt, and a \$60,000 **Old Trieste** colt out of **Zenith**.

Leading sires over the years who were foaled in Pennsylvania include **Danzig**, **Lyphard** and **Storm Cat**, all of whom are now in their sunset years. Poised to succeed them are **Selkirk** in Europe and **Alphabet Soup** in North America, both of whom are having banner years through their offspring.

All members of the newly created Pennsylvania Gaming Board have been named,

and although the resumes of two of the appointees are under scrutiny, the expectation is that staff will be organized quickly and the board will commence with its assigned duties. License applications are expected to be granted before the end of the year, and track facilities should be up and running by the end of 2005.

Already, both Philadelphia Park and Penn National have indicated purses will be incrementally increased in the next 12 months. This is an effort to allow owners and trainers at those facilities to begin to upgrade their stock and be competitive once the big money shows.

PA-bred owner bonus percentages will in all likelihood have to be adjusted, in that Breeding Fund revenues will not feel the effects of slot money until slots at the tracks become operational. However, the additional purse money being disbursed, combined with available bonuses, should more than compensate for any differential.

Breeders are again reminded not to let PA-bred registration deadlines pass. The additional paperwork requirements, let alone the \$500 late registration fee, should be more than enough motivation. And if these are not, consider that the mandatory thirty (30) day waiting period to effect registration once all the information has been received by PHBA may just make breeders and/or owners miss out on lucrative Fund incentive payments. Any questions regarding this, please call PHBA.

PHBA's award-winning Web site is the source of any and all information regarding the PA Breeding Fund program, and more. Updates are posted regularly, and provide visitors with a series of references as to what is going on in Pennsylvania's breeding industry. Check it out, early and often! Suggestions for improvement are always welcome.



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Trainer Lupe Preciado, jockey Víctor Molina, PA Representative Ron Miller and PHBA president Ray Hamm celebrate Caught in the Rain's victory in the Mrs. Penny Stakes.

PHBA 2004 Dates Of Interest

Friday, December 31	Early Deadline for Scheduled Registration of PA-Bred Foals of 2004
Friday, December 31	Registration Deadline for PA Stallions for 2004 breeding season

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2004 PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

Race Date	Track	Name of Race	Eligibility/Distance	Value
Fri May 14	Penn Nat'l	DANZIG Stakes	3yo, 6 fur.	\$40,000 added
		1st - Salty Punch; 2nd - Prince Joseph; 3rd - Hey Rube		
Sat Jun 5	Phila Park	LYMAN SPRINT Stakes	3yo & up, 7 fur.	\$50,000 added
		1st - Docent; 2nd - Presidentialaffair; 3rd - Senor Charismatic		
Fri Jun 11	Penn Nat'l	WONDERS DELIGHT Stakes	3yo fillies, 6 fur.	\$40,000 added
		1st - Defrere's Venture; 2nd - Financial Risk; 3rd - Linda's Future		
Sat Jun 19	Phila Park	PEPPY ADDY Stakes	3yo, 7 fur.	\$50,000 added
		1st - Prince Joseph; 2nd - Hey Rube; 3rd - De Magic Moment		
Fri Jul 9	Penn Nat'l	MISSY GOOD Stakes	3yo & up, f & m, 6 fur.	\$40,000 added
		1st - Flame of Love; 2nd - May's Pride; 3rd - A Vision in Gray		
Sat Jul 17	Phila Park	FOXY J. G. Stakes	3yo fillies, 7 fur.	\$50,000 added
		1st - Defrere's Venture; 2nd - Nash's Valay; 3rd - Prudencia		
Sat Jul 24	Phila Park	IROQUOIS Handicap	3yo & up, 1 1/16 mi.	\$50,000 added
		1st - Prince Joseph; 2nd - Valleyman; 3rd - Yo		
Fri Jul 30	Penn Nat'l	JOHN SHUMAKER Handicap	3yo & up, 6 fur.	\$40,000 added
		1st - Lone Traveler; 2nd - R B's Boy; 3rd - Volley Ball		
Sat Aug 7	Phila Park	PISTOL PACKER Handicap	3yo & up, f & m, 1 1/16 mi.	\$50,000 added
		1st - Caught in the Rain; 2nd - Golddigger Beware; 3rd - Mint to Kiss		
Fri Aug 20	Penn Nat'l	CAPITAL CITY Handicap	3yo & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf	\$40,000 added
		1st - Mixed Up; 2nd - Sir Echo; 3rd - Yo		

Pennsylvania's Day At The Races*

Sat Sep 4	Phila Park	*ROBERT W. CAMAC Memorial Stakes	3yo & up, 5 fur., turf	\$50,000 guar.
		1st - Namequest; 2nd - Shades of Sunny; 3rd - Sir Echo		
Sat Sep 4	Phila Park	*LIL E. TEE Stakes	3yo colts & geldings, 1 1/16 mi.	\$50,000 guar.
		1st - Prince Joseph; 2nd - Isle of Mirth; 3rd - Nittany Express		
Sat Sep 4	Phila Park	*MRS. PENNY Stakes	3yo & up, f & m, 1 1/16 mi., turf	\$50,000 guar.
		1st - Caught in the Rain; 2nd - Hereafter; 3rd - Air Adair		
Sat Sep 4	Phila Park	*DEVIL'S HONOR Handicap	3yo & up, 7 fur.	\$50,000 guar.
		1st - Hero's Glow; 2nd - Valleyman; 3rd - Bay of Love		
Sat Sep 4	Phila Park	*AMBSSDR OF LUCK Handicap	3yo & up, f & m, 7 fur.	\$50,000 guar.
		1st A Vision in Gray; 2nd - Unique Opportunity; 3rd - Valley of the Gods		
Sat Oct 9	Phila Park	YANKEE AFFAIR Stakes	3yo & up, 1 1/16 mi., turf	\$50,000 added
Fri Nov 12	Penn Nat'l	BLUE MOUNTAIN Juvenile Stakes	2yo fillies, 6 fur.	\$50,000 added
Sat Nov 20	Phila Park	PENNSYLVANIA Nursery Stakes	2yo colts & geldings, 7 fur.	\$50,000 added

South Carolina

Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2004

King's Tree Trials to run on November 13

Horse racing fans from across Williamsburg County and the state of South Carolina will make their way to the ninth annual King's Tree Trials on November 13 for a day of racing and festivities. Horse racing may be the main event, but tailgating will be a close second when grills are fired up and tables are spread with local delicacies. By noon, when the first race is run, the mood will be set to watch Thoroughbreds compete.

The trials began in 1996 when Williamsburg County Supervisor

Richard Treme approached Bobby and Debby McCutchen about reviving horse racing in the area. The McCutchens agreed to host the event at their McCutchen Training Center. Sponsored by the Hometown Chamber, the King's Tree Trials have grown each year in both participation and attendance.

The McCutchens have been involved in the horse industry for 20 years. Their training center in Kingstree is noted for breaking and training horses who go on to run in top races throughout the United

States. Debby is also a vice-president of the SCTOBA.

The King's Tree Trials are unique among South Carolina horse events for promoting a casual family atmosphere and perfect community day where families, friends and neighbors can gather to commemorate the area's rich history with horses, and renew friendships.

For more information on the King's Tree Trials, call the Williamsburg Hometown Chamber at (843) 355-6431 or visit www.williamsburgsc.org.

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They're off in the King's Tree Trials! The annual event will have its ninth renewal on November 13, featuring tailgating opportunities galore.

Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation of SC update

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation held its first major training session for the Wateree Correctional employees who will teach inmates how to properly handle and care for horses. Doug Householder, of the Groom Elite Certification School, flew in from Texas to conduct the three-day course. On July 24, the graduates were applauded by many local horsemen and supporters at an evening reception.

The SCTOBA salutes the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation of South Carolina and wishes them much success with this noble cause.

Donna Freyer trainees have a big day at Belmont

Closing day at Belmont Park brought a super end to a successful meet for horses who wintered with SCTOBA board member Donna Freyer at Custom Care Equine in Camden.

July 25 began in a big way for the Freyer graduates when Candy Stables' Queens Plaza held on to win by a neck in the third race. Queens Plaza is a 2-year-old daughter of Forestry—Kew Garden, by Seattle Slew. She traveled the six furlongs in 1:11.38 for trainer Thomas Bush with Aaron Gryder aboard.

In the sixth race the excitement continued when Craig Allison's Indelible Image ran a close second to Baymont for trainer Scott Lake.

The finishing touch for the day occurred in the ninth race when

3-year-old Inter Galactic won a \$42,000 maiden special weight by three and a half lengths over Little Miss Amanda. The daughter of Incurable Optimist out of the Morning Bob mare Princess Nova is owned by Dr. Zacarias Aragon and trained by Victor Cuadra. She went the mile in 1:38.71 with jockey Jose Lezcano aboard.

Freyer commented that it was a fun day for her and that "Jeff Teter does a phenomenal job maintaining all the surfaces at the Springdale race course facility. This makes Springdale rival any training facility in the country as a place to train."

The SCTOBA congratulates Donna Freyer and all the connections of Queens Plaza, Indelible Image and Inter Galactic.

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Colonial Downs to run SWF referendums

Colonial Downs is gearing up for satellite wagering facility (SWF) referendums in November.

The jurisdictions are Manassas Park and Greene, Westmoreland, Scott and Henry Counties. Westmoreland County includes Colonial Beach, where the Mary-

land Jockey Club had an OTB that was destroyed last year by Hurricane Isabel. Manassas Park is located between Manassas, in Prince William County, and Centreville, in Fairfax County. Scott County is close to Bristol and the Tri-Cities area and Henry County includes Martinsville.

Greene County is just north of Charlottesville.

If all five referendums are successful and lead to SWF facilities, total handle in the commonwealth could more than double from the current \$125 million annually wagered. Handle estimates for Manassas Park range from \$50 million to \$90 million annually. The other sites range from \$15 million to \$35 million per year.

A bill was signed into state law this year that allows Colonial Downs Inc. to expand the number of off-track betting centers it operates in Virginia from six to 10. The company already runs five such facilities—including two in the Richmond area and one each in Hampton, Chesapeake and Alberta, in Brunswick County. A sixth is expected to open in October in Vinton, a town near Roanoke.

Old Dominion series remains popular

The Old Dominion Series, which enters its third season in 2004, is uniquely Virginian. The horse racing series was the brainchild of Ashburn resident and Thoroughbred enthusiast Keith Early.

Early, concerned that his beloved sport of Thoroughbred racing was being lost to other entertainment forms, envisioned the series as a way to bring the sport to a wider audience and to emphasize the integral role that Thoroughbred breeding and racing have played in Virginia's heritage.

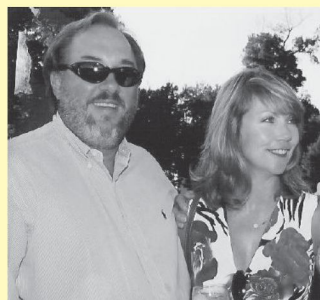
Through his charitable Bungalow Foundation, Early has partnered with several other Virginia Thoroughbred supporters to fund the series. Early's efforts have proved successful with both the public and Virginia horsemen.

The races have attracted such large fields that the fields have had to be split into multiple races, which have run before enthusiastic crowds of spectators.

The Old Dominion is a series of five flat races, held throughout Virginia in conjunction with the state's fall hunt meets. The series culminates with the fifth race, the \$20,000 Bungalow Foundation Stakes, at Great Meadow in The Plains, Va. The Bungalow Foundation Stakes features the largest purse ever offered for a flat race at a sanctioned meet.

Since the series' inauguration, each running of the Bungalow Foundation Stakes has attracted a full field of 16 horses.

Mark Deane, field director of the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, notes that, "The Bungalow Foundation Stakes, in



Keith and Cheryl Early

terms of the number of horses running, is the second largest race in the country, second only to the Kentucky Derby," Deane added, "The timing and location of the series are perfect, because it builds on the momentum created by the meet at Colonial Downs. The series then runs through the fall, in Charlottesville, Leesburg, Middleburg and The Plains. The various locations bring the sport of flat racing to a wide audience throughout the state."

In order for a horse to be eligible to run in the \$20,000 Bungalow Foundation Stakes, the horse must compete in at least two of the five races in the series. Sixteen top point earn-

ers are chosen to compete in the Bungalow Foundation stakes from the list of horses who have met the eligibility requirements. What makes the series unique is that it is open exclusively to horses who have Virginia connections—to enter, horses must be Virginia-bred or sired by a Virginia-based stallion, or owned or trained by a Virginian.

Thus the series not only gives Virginia Thoroughbred breeding and racing exposure to a public that might not otherwise see it, but also gives Virginia horsemen an opportunity to earn financial rewards for their runners.

Early and his wife Cheryl are the owners of the Bungalow Billiards Restaurant chain and founders of the Bungalow Foundation, which was founded to support the families of cancer victims.

Supporters of the Thoroughbred breeding and racing industries in Virginia, the Earlys also advocate preserving historic traditions and open space. They have recently purchased a farm in Hamilton as well as young racing stock and shares in Thoroughbred stallions based in Virginia.

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Colonial Downs trainer spotlight— Jonathan Sheppard

by Sally Walker

“I’ve always been a big fan of racing at Colonial Downs,” said Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard. “At Colonial there are opportunities for all different types of horses.

“Horses seem to do very well there. It’s a quiet country atmosphere. The people are very friendly,” added the English-born trainer. “We enjoy it there. It’s something a bit different. As much as any locale we race in, we are very well received.”

During the June/July meet, Sheppard rotates his charges, who race both on the flat and over jumps.

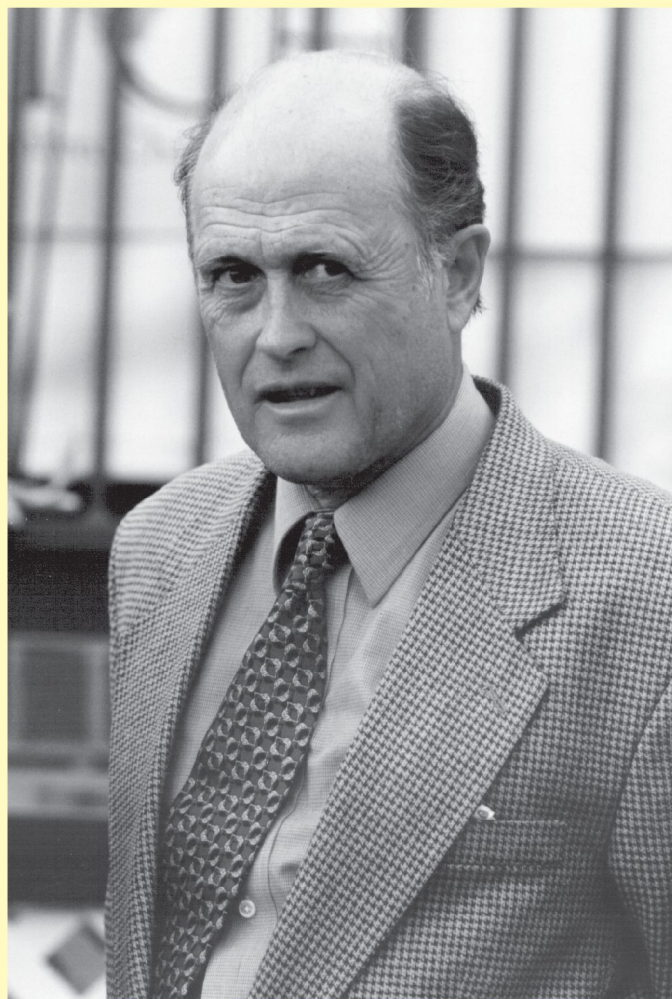
The esteemed trainer has twice won Virginia’s signature race, the Virginia Derby, now a \$500,000 Grade 3 event. He sent out Crowd Pleaser to win the inaugural Virginia Derby in 1998 and captured the 2001 renewal with Potaro (Ire). At this year’s meet, Sheppard won 16 races (second in the final standings), and Sheppard-trained Moneytrain (Ger) booked a Colonial steeplechase course record for a mile and seven-eighths with a 12-length blowout. Purchased in Germany, Moneytrain “had the potential to be in the top echelon, but he hadn’t proven it yet in 2003,” according to the trainer. “His win at Colonial was very eye-catching.

“The jumping at Colonial Downs has become a significant part of our seasonal schedule,” said Sheppard. “It helps fill a void when there are no more hunt meets. It’s convenient and accessible for our people coming from Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.”

Sheppard, who was elected president of the National Steeplechase Association in January 2004, worked with Colonial Downs to create four additional jump races during the 34-day meet. “This was a tremendous plus for us,” commented Sheppard.

“It’s a wonderful turf course. It was always nice, but I think it’s improved and matured. The grass has grown and settled a bit. There is such a big advantage to have so much width.”

Sheppard has trained a half-dozen steeplechase champions, and his stable has included top flat runners such as leading sire Storm Cat and Grade 1 winner With Anticipation. His unorthodox schooling techniques often include jumping, even for flat horses. “It’s good to focus their minds on something different,” he explained. “It gives them something to think about and teaches them to respect commands the riders are giving them. And, it’s always in the back of my mind that any one of them could run over jumps.”

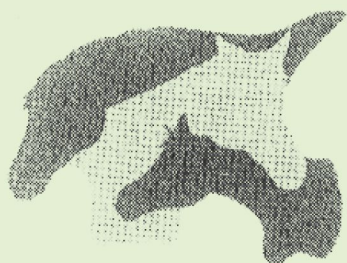


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THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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News and notes

Charles Town Thoroughbred Horse Sales (CTTHS) conducted its first sale on July 27, cataloging 85 horses, with the sales topper going for \$10,000. Of the 67 horses who went through the ring, 44 sold for a total of \$65,750.

CTTHS was launched by Dick and Jane Minard, owners of Dija Blue Farm. Bob Rawlings, owner of Rawlings Auction, served as auctioneer for the July sale.

Created to provide a mid-range outlet for horsemen and breeders in West Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic region, CTTHS aims to develop an accessible venue for breeders wishing to market their horses at a reasonable cost.

One of the company's first projects involves finding homes within local communities for retiring race horses.

Preparations are underway for a mixed sale, to be held on Tuesday, October 26 at 2 p.m.



Renovations to the Charles Town mezzanine and race track have been completed in time for the 18th

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Sadie Hawkins is fancy affair

Traditionally, Sadie Hawkins Day is an occasion when a woman asks a man out on a date. A character created by Al Capp for his *Lil Abner* cartoons, Hawkins was known for her ability to frequently overtake her suitors in a race, thereby winning their devotion.

On Saturday night, July 31, the race was on in the Sadie Hawkins Handicap, but this time it was for a purse of \$75,000 and the location was Charles Town, W. Va., not Dogpatch, USA.

The cream of West Virginia-bred fillies and mares seized center stage in the seven-furlong event, which was carded as the fourth race and hailed as a prelude to the October 9, \$250,000 Cavada Stakes.

Ten minutes before post time, gusty winds and pelting rains downgraded the track to sloppy, creating an unfamiliar environment for some of the competitors, six of whom had met two weeks earlier in a preview of the night's handicap.

Fancy Buckles, like the Hawkins character, was able to overcome the conditions and use her natural speed to gain the early advantage, coasting through moderate fractions and dominating her opposition in a final time of 1:27.38.

The race was a tactical affair due to the lack of pace, and the results proved it, for when left alone, a runner with the credentials of Fancy Buckles almost becomes invincible.

Barring any mishaps, this daughter of My Boy Adam should go down as one of the most competitive West Virginia-bred fillies in history.

Miss Roberson did her best to match strides with Fancy Buckles early, but could only finish second. Who's Ya Mama, an entry mate to Fancy Buckles, gamely checked in third.

Owned by Robin and Tim Grams and trained by Tim Grams, the 4-year-old Fancy Buckles has nine wins, three seconds and one third-place finish in 13 career starts.

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running of the West Virginia Breeders Classics.

The events for Saturday, October 9, will begin with the popular Breakfast of Champions from 9:30 to 11 a.m. First post for the eight-race card is 7:15 p.m.

Breeders Classic founder Sam Huff's dream for the event will be realized, as the total for the evening's program is expected to exceed \$1,000,000.

Sadie Hawkins

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Larry Reynolds Jr. rode the winner and is now two-for-two on Fancy Buckles. She paid \$3,40 to top an \$11.60 exacta.

Standing in the winner's circle, Robin Grams extolled the accomplishments of her stable star, and used the platform to elaborate on Fancy Buckles's dam Front Porch

(by Tilt Up), who would have been sold years ago had it not been for her persistence.

Purchased privately from trainer David Walters after her racing career ended, the foundation broodmare for team Grams is now 19, and foaled a full sister to Fancy Buckles this year.

Obituary

Veteran jockey William Robert Sollars Jr. died July 28. A familiar visitor to the winner's circle during a career that spanned two decades, Sollars was known as a gifted rider who possessed great rapport with his mounts.

Fellow jockeys nicknamed him Wild Bill because of his trademark aggressive riding style, but fans knew him simply as Billy.

Sollars was 40 years old when he died.

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